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Cup teams threaten to 'strike'

Liverpool and Newcastle will refuse to play their FA Cup match on Friday, January 6 if television cameras are present. The BBC want to screen the third round tie live but both clubs want the Football Association to increase the Professional Footballers Association share of the television proceeds from the current offer of £40,000.

Pound closes at record low

The pound fell further against the dollar, closing at a record low of \$1.4310, down 45 points, but it was firmer against other currencies.

New-look QE2

The Queen Elizabeth 2 sailed last night from Bremerhaven to Southampton after her 15-day \$3.5m refit at the Hapag-Lloyd yard.

Solicitors' vote

MPs who are also solicitors will be allowed to vote on the controversial Bill to end the solicitors' monopoly on conveying the Speaker has ruled.

CD clampdown

Measures to reduce the number of diplomatic service cars evading fixed penalties and wheel clamping through claiming immunity have been announced.

Glue-sniff case

Two brothers who sold glue-sniffing kits to children were each jailed for three years after a court ruling that such sales were a crime in Scotland.

The go-between

Portugal has offered to act as a go-between for Argentina and Britain in negotiations about the future of the Falklands.

BL goes private

The Government is to begin privatizing BL next year, the Commons was told.

Salyut trouble

The Salyut 7 space station suffered a fuel leak and its two-man crew had a narrow escape during their recent 149-day flight, Soviet officials admitted.

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Court orders NGA to call off its nationwide strike

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

The National Graphical Association was ordered by a High Court judge yesterday to call off the nationwide newspaper strike called for tomorrow in protest at the £525,000 contempt of court fine imposed on it last week.

The print union also faces a mass of claims for damages if the strike goes ahead from newspaper managements all over Britain which could cost it millions of pounds.

Mr Joe Wade, the NGA general secretary, was last night asking the TUC for full backing for the strike. In continuing defiance of the Government's labour laws.

If the strike takes place tomorrow the fines for contempt of yesterday's order and the awards for damages could bankrupt the union.

Solicitors and High Court officials arrived at Congress House with writs to serve on Mr Joe Wade, but they were refused access to the union meeting.

The NGA, which has already been fined a total of £675,000 for contempt of orders not to picket the Warrington, Cheshire, printing works of Mr Selim (Eddie) Shah's Messenger group newspapers, appeared to be losing some of its hard-line resolve in the 24-week-old closed shop dispute.

The print workers last night asked for an unequivocal declaration of support from the TUC's influential employment policy and organization committee, but if that backing is not forthcoming the NGA national council might today reconsider its confrontationalist policy.

Leaders of other unions going into the meeting declined to discuss the issue publicly but some were privately sceptical about the NGA's chances of winning the level of TUC backing that it apparently wants before embarking on its disruption of the newspaper industry.

Parallels were being drawn with the two-year battle waged by the 1980 and 1982 Employment Acts which led to the union's refusal to abide by orders made in the High Court in Manchester not to engage in secondary picketing against Mr Shah's printing works.

In the High Court Mr Justice Otton granted orders sought by national and local newspaper groups restraining the NGA from "further inducing breaches of contracts" by its members in Fleet Street and the provinces.

In the House of Commons the Employment Secretary, Mr Tom King, made it clear that the Government would not intervene in the dispute. He spoke of "the serious consequences" that the threatened strike would have for the NGA itself, adding: "I hope that they will no longer seek to pursue this dispute in defiance of the law."

Mr Robert Stuby, president of the Newspaper Society, which represents owners of more than 1,000 provincial titles, calculated that the provincial industry would lose up to £3m if the strike call was obeyed. He indicated that provincial publishers would seek damages for that amount.

Members of the NPA are already claiming a total of £3m damages for disruption two weeks ago and the loss of another day's production could double their suit. Taken with the huge fines already levied, the court actions could bankrupt the NGA of its total, sequestered, funds of a little more than £10m.

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Times Newspapers last night issued the following statement: "Times Newspapers Ltd and News Group Newspapers Ltd have tonight obtained a mandatory injunction requiring the NGA general secretary and national council to withdraw their instruction given to employees at TNL and NGNL to take industrial action."

"The terms of the court order specifically require the defendants to give immediate notice that they have issued an instruction for the strike call to be withdrawn."

"The instruction the NGA is required to give must be put in writing to the Press Association by 10pm tonight (Monday) and it must be confirmed subsequently in writing to the chapel and/or to the London region of the NGA."

by the NGA to win recognition and a closed shop at T Bailey Forman, publishers of the Nottingham Evening Post, which the union had to give up after spending tens of thousands of pounds.

The NGA came under intense pressure throughout the day to drop its total boycott of

that there will be any major objections.

After a five-hour bargaining session yesterday, Mr Duffy stressed that although they would recommend the deal, they had not discarded the rest of the claim.

The unions had sought a "substantial" increase on a 4 per cent offer, but the agreement was a 5 per cent offer.

Unions representing about two million workers in engineering, retail shops and the Merchant Navy have accepted pay settlements of between 5 and 6 per cent.

Engineering union leaders agreed yesterday to a 5.2 per cent wage rise for up to 1½ million workers, which will pave the way for new working practices in the industry.

The Engineering Employers' Federation (EEF) had raised its offer from 4 per cent, but in return won a commitment from the Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions, representing 17 unions, to consider far-reaching productivity proposals.

Having dealt with pay, the two sides are to set up a working party in the new year to discuss the union's additional claims, which involve a reduction in the working week from 39 hours to 35 and an increase in holidays from five weeks to six.

In return the EEF has put forward a document which it hopes will revolutionize the industry and produce a dramatic reduction in costs.

The employers want to get rid of restrictive manning practices and introduce flexibility between jobs and flexible hours. The EEF also wants ballots taken before industrial action.

The wage deal, backdated to November 1, means an increase of £4.50 a week in the national minimum rate for skilled workers, bringing them to £91.50, and a £3.24 rise for the unskilled, giving them £85.84.

Mr Terence Duffy, president of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers and leader of the negotiators, said that the pay deal would be recommended to the executives of the 17 unions involved. It is unlikely

ment did not constitute a climb-down. Mr Duffy said: "The employers had originally come up with a nil offer."

● A threat of industrial action by Britain's 23,000 seamen was averted yesterday after members of the National Union of Seamen voted to accept a wage increase of 3.1 per cent.

The deal will increase average weekly earnings including overtime from £150.57 to £158.54.

● The legal minimum wage for 650,000 workers in non-food shops will go up by 5.9 per cent from April under proposals agreed by both sides of the Retail Non-Food Wages Council.

The new adult minimum rate for a skilled shop assistant would be £71.50 a week outside London and £74 in London.



Brave face: Scottish nanny Carol Compton struggles to be cheerful as she appears in a barred Italian dock charged with arson and attempted murder.

Nanny trial starts in uproar

From Peter Nichols, Livorno, Italy

The trial of Carol Compton, the 21-year-old Scottish nanny charged with arson and attempted murder, began yesterday with her struggling to make an Italian court understand her own account of the chain of circumstances which landed her in trouble.

There were chaotic scenes before she was able to begin her testimony. When she was led into a locked cage which serves as a dock in Italy, the 60 journalists present leapt on to tables and pushed past policemen to get near her.

Despite court orders forbidding photography, cameras whirled and clicked. The Court President stalked out and could be heard shouting at officials to restore order before he would begin.

Miss Compton has been in custody since August 1982. Her mother, Mrs Pamela Compton, has accused Italian authorities of keeping her daughter in isolation because they suspect her of witchcraft.

Señor Sergio Minervini, defending counsel, persuaded the court to allow her to sit outside the metal cage once proceedings began.

The first moving view of her was nevertheless her appearance alone in the huge cage, a self-possessed figure smiling and assuring well-wishers that she was feeling fine.

She knelt down to kiss her mother between the wooden columns below the bars.

She was accused of having started five fires in three different houses with intention in one instance of killing a three-year-old girl in her charge. She denies having started any of the fires.

Describing the most serious incident in her heavy Scottish accent brought some of the worst language difficulties.

Talking to stray cats scratching on French windows she could not get across what sort of windows she was talking about nor what she meant by "rogue" cats.

Her "cot" apparently sounded like "coat" which was then translated as a blanket. Similarly her assertion that the noise made her nervous was translated as "nervosa", which means bad-tempered.

On several occasions she showed signs of impatience. The case continues today.

Call for more places on youth team

By David Felton, Labour Correspondent

The Government is to be asked to approve changes next year to the Youth Training Scheme that would go some way towards reaching the original target of providing places for 400,000 unemployed youngsters.

But it is unlikely that extra funds will be made available. A meeting of the Manpower Services Commission tomorrow is expected to approve proposals which place emphasis on providing more places for unemployed 17-year-olds, although the commission will still be able to guarantee places only to 16-year-olds.

The proposals for the scheme's second year starting in September are contained in an internal paper to be presented today to a meeting of the Youth Training Board. The board advises the MSC youth training and is likely to accept plans for extending the scheme to more 17-year-olds.

The scheme will, according to the paper, provide places this year for about 350,000 youngsters. Better marketing of the scheme to young people and their parents would increase take-up.

There were, it says, particular difficulties this year, and a growth in take-up next year of places might be expected. However, discussions with officials at local level suggested that, without changes in the rules, the number of youngsters on the scheme would not exceed 400,000.

A better balance is suggested, with a shift away from the present Young Worker Scheme. This would make available places for another 25,000 youngsters. The young workers scheme makes available to employers funds to top up the pay of youngsters earnings less than £40 a week.

The paper says that there was uncertainty attached to estimating the number of youngsters likely to join the scheme next year and that meant the MSC would be able to guarantee places only to 16-year-old school-leavers.

The paper does not refer to future government funding of the scheme, but it is likely that ministers will be reluctant to authorize any significant increase in expenditure.

The original cost was £1,000m, but that is expected to be reduced to about £800m because of the shortfall in the take-up of places.

Young people have been reluctant to join schemes operated by local authorities and colleges of further education.

The paper predicts that this trend will continue: there will be a constant demand by youngsters to join schemes operated by private sector employers.

The MSC is at the moment coming under pressure from local authorities and further education establishments to provide refunds to cover the cost of unfilled places for which the authorities have budgeted.

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Kuwait bombs blamed on Iran

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

American embassies throughout the Middle East were last night warned that they could be the target of suicide bombers after Shia Muslim extremists believed to be acting on orders from Iran staged a concerted bombing attack on six buildings in Kuwait.

The US and French embassies, on American residential quarter of Kuwait, a power station and the control tower of the international airport were all targets of the attack, which was unprecedented in the Gulf.

It was clearly intended to strike a blow at the stability of the oil kingdoms and last night Kuwait promised the "maximum punishments" for those responsible.

One of the bombers, who was blown across the road in front of the American Embassy after driving a lorry loaded with explosives through the main gate of the compound, survived surgery last night while Kuwaiti security authorities waited to discover his identity.

About 60,000 Iranians live in Kuwait under close scrutiny by the state police. The Americans last night believed that the Iranian Government was probably behind the assault.

Both the United States and France had apparently received warning that some attack was to be made upon their embassies but assumed it would occur in Beirut where embassy security has been substantially increased over the past two days.

Given the amount of explosives used, it was remarkable that only four people were killed and 54 wounded, although the bombs, which all detonated in the space of about an hour, were obviously meant to cause far greater casualties.

Two of the dead were Kuwaiti security guards employed by the American Embassy; a third was a technician who worked at the airport.

The bombing at the American Embassy followed an almost identical pattern to those in Beirut last October which killed almost 300 US Marines and French paratroopers. And like those attacks, yesterday's explosions in Kuwait were almost immediately claimed by a telephone caller who rang Agence France Presse in Beirut to say that he represented the Islamic Jihad (Islamic Struggle) movement which announced that it had bombed the Americans and French two months ago.

The Kuwait attacks were both an indication of growing anti-American sentiment in the Middle East and of the vulnerability of the militarily weak Gulf states who fear that Iran's revolution might at last be about to spread southwards to embrace the largely Sunni

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Greece to safeguard Britons' land

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The Greek Government wants to reassure about 1,000 Britons, who acquired property on the island of Corfu, circumventing a 1927 ban on sales of land to foreigners in frontier areas, that they will not be dispossessed or penalized.

Professor George Kassimatis, legal adviser to Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Prime Minister, told The Times: "The Prime Minister's wish and order are that this problem should be resolved promptly."

The professor, who is coordinating inter-ministerial action on this issue, said a special ministerial council would meet within a few days to recommend changes in the law.

"The Government's unanimous desire is to safeguard the rights, even the present status, of the owners, provided our national security interests are adequately protected," he stated.

The Cabinet was stirred into action after a pledge given by Mr Papandreu in London last month to Mrs Margaret Thatcher, who raised the problem of Corfu Britons.

The threat was posed by a Greek Supreme Court ruling in April, validating the sale of a 15-acre Corfu estate to a Briton on the ground that under the 1972 ban even Greek companies controlled by foreigners could not acquire land in frontier areas like Corfu.

The Government has already been given warning by the European Commission that this legislation is contrary to basic Community law. It is therefore considering the possibility of either limiting the ban to a narrow frontier zone, or imposing qualifications for foreign owners to satisfy sensitivities over national security.

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# General Motors to build engine plant if Vauxhall maintains its recovery

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

General Motors will build its next new engine plant in Britain if its subsidiary, Vauxhall, continues its remarkable recovery.

It could mean several thousand new jobs within three years and a substantial reduction in the company's imports of completed cars and components.

All Vauxhall engines are imported from GM factories in West Germany and Australia at present.

Mr John Fleming, chairman and managing director of Vauxhall, said yesterday that as a more short-term move to increase British production the company's plant at Ellesmere Port, Cheshire would introduce a second shift in April, four months ahead of target. A second shift was introduced at Luton, Bedfordshire, in August.

Mr Fleming said that by the end of 1984 65 per cent of all Vauxhalls sold in Britain would be British built, compared with 50 per cent at present.

He admitted that the change in tactics since 1979, when Vauxhall made all the cars sold in Britain in this country, to one where it was a substantial net importer, had not helped the country's balance of payments.

But, he insisted, it had been necessary to keep Vauxhall in business and safeguard jobs.

Mr Fleming said that initially the second Ellesmere Port shift would be manned by workers moved from other jobs, but new workers would be recruited to add to the 750 already taken on at Luton when a new model was introduced at the northern plant.

The new car is believed to be a replacement for the successful Opel Kadett which is sold here as the Astra.

Vauxhall has had a record year. It will sell more than 261,000 cars, about 14 per cent more than in 1982.

December looks like being a record for the month, with nearly 10,500 registrations or more than 16 per cent of the market.

Mr Fleming said that Vauxhall had achieved monthly record volumes in 10 of the 12 months and a record market share in six of them. It had three models in the top 10 - Cavalier, Astra and Nova - and was planning to increase its dealer network from 660 to 730.

He predicted that next year would be even better, with sales of nearly 300,000 and a 16 per cent market share. That would be one year ahead of its original target of 16 per cent by the end of 1985.

## Fuel consumption up

The average fuel consumption of new cars in Britain is 15 per cent better than in 1978, which means a 10,000-mile-a-year motorist is saving enough to pay his annual 225 road tax, according to latest figures (the Press Association reports).

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders has presented the details to the Government to show that car makers have exceeded their target of a 10 per cent fuel consumption saving two years ahead of time.

"The actual improvement could have been 17.5 per cent, but new EEC exhaust emission controls imposed in 1982 cost about 2.5 per cent in fuel consumption for all cars," Mr Sam Toy, chairman of the Society's energy committee and chairman and managing director of Ford of Britain, said.

A further strengthening of emission regulations planned for 1985 will cost up to another 2½ per cent in increased fuel consumption.



# Tadworth staff to get £110,000 and jobs

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Nurses, cleaners and other staff at Tadworth Court Hospital for Sick Children in Surrey are to receive £110,000 in redundancy pay from the Department of Health, even though the trust which is to take over the hospital with the help of a DHSS grant is to reemploy all 129 of them immediately.

The decision to make the staff redundant, rather than to second them to the trust from the NHS, was confirmed yesterday by the department.

A spokesman for the department said yesterday that it did explore the possibility of seconding staff. "But neither the trust nor the board were prepared to accept secondment."

Great Ormond Street Hospital which now runs Tadworth, confirmed yesterday that it had not wanted to continue employing staff while seconding them to Tadworth. "We are not in the

# Kinnock offer to Gerry Adams

From Richard Ford, Belfast

The Labour Party leader, Mr Neil Kinnock said yesterday that he would be prepared to meet Mr Gerry Adams, president of Provisional Sinn Féin, political wing of the Provisional IRA, but only if he was actively involved in the democratic process.

Mr Kinnock's readiness to meet Mr Adams, MP for West Belfast, and other leading members of Provisional Sinn Féin, was revealed during his first visit to Northern Ireland since he became party leader.

Although he paid a brief courtesy call on Mr James Prior, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, Mr Kinnock did not meet leaders of any political parties during a brief visit in which he said leading trade unionists, youth work-shops, and toured Shorts, the state-owned aircraft factory.

He is expected to meet political leaders on his next visit.

As Mr Kinnock arrived the upsurge in violence continued with the killing of two young men within minutes of each other in Belfast.

A new Anglo-Irish body with representatives from both parliaments should be set up as a step towards solving Northern Ireland's problems, according to Mr Niels Haagerup, a Danish Liberal European MP, who presented a special report last night to the European Parliament's political affairs committee (Ian Murray writes from Strasbourg).

Mr Haagerup emphasized that the views were his own. But he said that the reunification of Ireland was the correct solution and the desire of many people in Ireland and of a considerable number in the United Kingdom.

Mrs Thatcher opposed the report being drawn up.

# The Warrington dispute

## Regional papers will try to beat strike

By Kenneth Gosling

A number of individual newspapers and groups of weekly and daily publications said yesterday that they would try to beat the National Graphical Association's 24-hour strike. In the case of weekly newspapers this is likely to mean a delay in delivery of local editions to newsagents.

In Scotland, it was hoped that 120 regional and weekly newspapers would publish with the cooperation of members of the Society of Graphical and Allied Trades, although later than usual.

But the situation was less certain so far as the Scottish Daily Newspaper Society, which represented 13 morning, evening and Sunday newspapers, was concerned.

It issued a statement deploring any interference with normal publication and, like its counterpart covering England, Wales and Northern Ireland, called on the TUC to ask the NGA to think again.

In England, an attempt will be made to publish the Wolverhampton Express and Star, the evening newspaper which was produced during the national dispute in April, 1980.

Mr Mark Kewen, its managing director, said: "We are obviously looking at whatever options are open to us. I am hopeful - there is no reason why we should not produce this time round."

Mr James Evans, joint deputy managing director of Thomson British Holdings parent company of Thomson Regional Newspapers, said: "If the strike goes ahead, as far as we are concerned we will pursue the NGA for damages that will be very substantial."

"We would not be able to bring out our morning papers like the Western Mail, Cardiff, or The Journal, Newcastle, or a number of evening papers around the country. So virtually all our papers will be affected."

Sir Richard Storey, chairman of Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers, which publishes 14 local newspapers, said the group hoped to keep production going. The papers have a combined circulation of 200,000 copies.

Mr Steve Oram, head of industrial relations at Westminster Press, which has many local weekly papers, said that the question of continuing publication this week would be given "full consideration", as would the question of claiming damages from the NGA.

# Unions to fight Jenkin legal move

By Hugh Clayton, Local Government Correspondent

The Government yesterday told union leaders that it would seek powers next year to prevent their members from withholding information needed in the process of abolishing the Greater London Council and the metropolitan counties.

The prospect of a new legal struggle between the Government and union leaders arose at a meeting between Mr Patrick Jenkin, Secretary of State for the Environment, and members of the TUC's local government committee, who told him that they are opposed to him bringing in statutory machinery to oblige employees to disclose information.

The Transport and General Workers' Union, farmworkers' section, is to undertake a study of the herbicide 2,4,5-T and the possible risks it poses to people and animals.

The union has been campaigning for several years for a ban on 2,4,5-T. The weedkiller contains the highly toxic chemical dioxin.

# Sale room

## £44,000 painting from cellar

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Rooms Correspondent

A canvase that had been languishing in a coal cellar near Exeter sold at Phillips yesterday for £44,000.

The owner had believed it was a biblical picture because they thought they detected the Red Sea dividing but once it was cleaned off the picture was seen to depict blue mountains flanking a lake.

A Red Indian in the foreground gave Phillips, which had been consulted about the picture, the idea that it had a money-spinner on its hands. It began by identifying the lake and eventually determined the picture to be "A Representation of the Encampment at Lake George" in North America under the command of Sir Jeffrey Amherst in the year 1759.

Phillips finally attributed the painting to Captain Thomas Davies who had exhibited a picture with this title at the Royal Academy in 1774.

Phillips had applied to several North American museums for help in identifying the view but it was the Fort Ticonderoga Museum in New York State which provided the charts that clinched the matter and yesterday the museum bought the picture for its collection.

The Phillips sale of British pictures totalled £465,488 with 10 per cent unsold. Another curiosity of the sale was a group of hunting pictures by Thomas Butler who is recorded in the 1750s to have tried his hand at painting the intense demand for his pictures during a brief visit in which he said leading trade unionists, youth work-shops, and toured Shorts, the state-owned aircraft factory.

He is expected to meet political leaders on his next visit.

# Owen deal to retire dud envoys

By a Staff Reporter

Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, will disclose in a radio interview tonight that as Foreign Secretary he concluded a secret deal with the Foreign Office aimed at killing the controversial Think Tank report on the Diplomatic Service.

Speaking on the BBC Radio Three programme, *Routine Punctuated by Orgies*, a study of the Central Policy Review Staff (CPRS), the Cabinet's Think Tank which was closed by Mrs Margaret Thatcher last summer, Dr Owen says the CPRS's *Review of Overseas Representation*, published in 1977, was "hopeless".

It hindered the one reform on which he had set his heart: the "golden bowler" of dud ambassadors designed to ease them into early retirement and make way for gifted young men and women.

In the broadcast he describes his deal with the Foreign Office saying to its senior officials: "OK, I will ditch the report if you support me on this up-and-coming business."

Mr James Callaghan set up a secret Cabinet committee, of which Dr Owen was a member, to consider the CPRS's recommendations which included closing 20 diplomatic missions. Whitehall brief, page 20

# Under-use may shut MSC centres

By Barrie Clement, Labour Reporter

The Manpower Services Commission will be forced to close many of its Skill Centres in areas of high unemployment next year because of government policy, the civil service union said yesterday.

According to commission figures, the centres, used mainly for adult training, will be operating at 19 per cent below capacity nationally with only 12,012 of the 14,801 available places filled.

But in the Midlands they will be 32 per cent underused, and in northern England and Wales 25 per cent will be vacant. That will inevitably lead to closures, the union claims.

Predictions of low level use partly result from the Government's wanting training centres to be operated on commercial lines. "Only those courses providing skills in demand from local employers being continued."

A private planning document drawn up by the commission's training department for consideration by the MSC tomorrow, says: "The emphasis should be on meeting the needs of employers rather than the needs of individuals. Greater emphasis should be given to cutting back on occupational training where, playing results are poor."

The paper, putting forward plans for 1984-85, casts doubt on the viability of the present network of centres.

"The union, which published its document yesterday, says that most areas of high unemployment will be worst affected because of the low level of demand for skills."

The union which represents instructors at the skill centres, says that 344 such jobs are at risk. It says that most courses will be lost in mechanical engineering, automotive and construction skills.

The union says that in the present planning exercise, the balance has " swung wildly towards industrial needs at the expense of individuals."

# 46 arrested in Polaris base protest

Forty-six peace protesters were arrested yesterday during clashes outside the Polaris nuclear submarine base at Faslane in the Clyde.

About 60 protesters began an attempt to blockade the base yesterday morning. Eight people got into the base but they were immediately arrested.

A force of more than one hundred police officers kept the north entrance open.

Women peace protesters claimed last night that they were beaten with metal sticks by soldiers guarding the Greenham Common missile base in Berkshire during the big weekend demonstration.

Fifteen women out of the 25,000 demonstrators are said to have been injured. The police reported 29 officers hurt.

Mr Denis Healey, Labour's spokesman on foreign affairs, said on a party political broadcast last night that decisions about nuclear war would soon be handed over to computers and that cruise missiles had no military value because the bases at Greenham Common and Molesworth, Cambridgeshire, could be obliterated with just two missiles.

"Even if these cruise convoys were able to trundle away first to their firing sites," he added, "it would still take only 40 missiles to knock them out and the whole of southern England would be a radioactive desert."

The National Union of Students at its conference in Blackpool yesterday abandoned its established neutral policy on peace and disarmament by blaming Western leaders for deliberately increasing international tension and by voting for British withdrawal from Nato.

# NGA 'broke own rules'

The National Graphical Association was said yesterday to have broken its own rules by four members expelled from the union for alleged strike-breaking.

A High Court judge is being asked to order the NGA to continue to treat the men as members and to declare that the decision to expel them was unlawful.

The four claim that the wrongful denial of their membership has put their jobs at risk. Their counsel, Mr Brian Keith, told Mr Justice Skinner that the four were on the management of the Westminster Press subsidiary, John H Burrows and Sons of Basildon, Essex, when there was a dispute involving members of the National Society of Operative Printers, Graphical and Media Personnel in April, 1980.

Mr Eric Bowers, pressroom manager, Mr Anthony Dean, production manager, Mr Keith Pencock, composing room manager and Mr Henry McGill, his assistant, all helped in the production of papers after the men were sent home together with NGA members.

They were accused by the union of assisting in the production of a paper with unrecognized persons.

Mr Keith said the expulsions were "contrary to the rules of natural justice". The hearing, expected to last several days, continues.

# Jets collide

An American pilot was missing last night after two A-10 "tankbuster" jets based at RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk, collided off the Norfolk coast yesterday on a training flight. The other pilot, Major Andrew Bush, aged 39, was rescued.

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# Labour defers decision on job cuts

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

It is now to consider alternative proposals put forward by the party's senior representatives for headquarters staff for increasing revenue and cutting wasteful expenditure, in an attempt to avoid job losses.

The Labour Party yesterday postponed until after Christmas crucial decisions about relieving its grave financial crisis which has been expected to mean the loss of at least 20 jobs at its London headquarters.

For the second time in a fortnight the finance and general purposes committee postponed a decision on the options for balancing the party's annual expenditure and income account and cutting its £45,000 overdraft.

Members of Labour's national executive have been concerned about the party's situation in relations between staff and management at headquarters since the presentation of an emergency plan last month, containing options for the loss of either 20 posts or between 50 and 60.

The unions complained they were not consulted about the proposals, and accused the management of inefficiency. Mr James Mortimer, the party secretary, has said that he was looking for a way to achieve the 20 jobs to be achieved by making 13 people redundant and not filling seven vacancies.

# Smyslov draws steadily closer to victory

By Harry Golombek, Chess Correspondent

The ninth game between Vassily Smyslov and Zoltan Ribli in the Acorn Computers World Chess Championship semi-final in London ended in a draw on Sunday after 28 moves, making the score in the match Smyslov 5½, Ribli 3½.

Smyslov started quietly with a restrained type of Queen's Gambit and Ribli replied actively with the Tarrasch Defence.

With Smyslov playing carefully and correctly, Ribli could do little to disturb his opponent's unanimity. He brought about some difference in the nature of the position in that he castled Queenside, opposite sides to his opponent.

But Smyslov exchanged Queens on move 22, after which it was clear that a draw would soon be the outcome. It was Ribli who proposed the draw, after a further exchange, on

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# Population trends: 2

## Long haul to cut spending

Whatever the complexion of government, the 1990s would have been a decade of unemployment. In the second of our series on the demographic pressure on public spending, DAVID WALKER, Social Policy Correspondent, looks at population movements in the immediate future and how they will shape the Government's ambition to cut spending.

The present decade is a bleak stretch of years in which to reach a twenty-first birthday. Regardless of national economic policy, the 1990s would have been a time when all jobs were scarce compared with previous years; for those of school-leaving age and young adults, prospects are especially dim.

Next year, 1984, will see the number of those aged 21 reaching a peak. The last pinnacle for this age cohort was 1969 - glory years for youth when higher education was expanding, youth was fashionable and, Wilsonian stop-go notwithstanding, jobs were being created.

Now jobs are being lost at a period when the labour force is growing in numbers at a high rate, thanks mainly to the "baby boom" of the late 1930s to the mid-1960s. Adult school-leavers are now adding more than 130,000 extra to the labour force, and increased numbers of married women are pushing up the total.

Ministers may have thought about trying to encourage women to stay at home and so diminish the pressure for jobs, but demographic evidence shows no sign that women, on whom family spending power has come vitally to depend, will abandon the search for jobs and the money they bring.

Only in the 1990s will the increase in the number of people of an age to work tail off, when the "baby bust" of the 1970s will shape population size. Meanwhile, unless an unprecedented number of new jobs are created, and quickly, today's high unemployment rates are likely to increase further.

Mrs Thatcher's favoured policy may also be knocked awry by demographic pressure in the area of housing. The science of household formation is very imprecise; policy-makers simply do not know why people set up house on their own and so get into the market for houses and flats - or join the council waiting list. Simple changes in the age structure of the population give some clues, however, and they point to a sharp rise in household formation taking place now - with the possibility of a marked shortage of housing by the mid-1980s, if house-building does not boom.

Mr John Ermisch, in a newly published study for the Policy Studies Institute, *The Political Economy of Demographic Change*, estimates that about 78,000 extra households will have been created each year between 1981 and 1984; an extra 83,000 a year from 1984 to 87. Taken together with trends in divorce, in single parenthood, in single person households, a shortage of fit dwellings could be apparent in the later 1980s.

The news is not all bad for Mrs Thatcher. In theory, large-scale savings should be made in education from the rapid fall in the secondary school population, which will be followed shortly by a drop in the number of 18-year-olds and so less demand for college and university places.

In health, too, the pressure of previous years is off. Demand will remain high and there will be pressures to spend, especially on the elderly, but grooved - justified by population movements - should be less for the rest of the 1980s. Mr Ermisch predicts that during the 1990s demographic changes will allow a slight fall in the provision of inpatient hospital services even if standards are kept constant.

Tomorrow: Pensioners time-bomb.

Demanded for new jobs

The number of additional school-leavers plus increased numbers of women entering pool of available labour

Year	Number per year
1979 to 1981	175,000
1981 to 1983	200,000
1983 to 1985	172,000
1985 to 1987	26,000

Source: The Policy Studies Institute, by John Ermisch

# Computer export charge

The directors of Dainlec Ltd, of Wimbome, Dorset, were remanded on bail until January 24 by Poole magistrates yesterday on a charge arising from the seizure at Poole docks of computer equipment valued at £500,000, bound for Czechoslovakia.

Christopher Albert Carrington, aged 40 of St Mary's Close, Bournemouth, Hampshire, and Bryan Vernon Williamson, aged

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## Unearthed skull which led to confession was Roman, murder trial jury told

A man confessed to strangling his wife and cutting her up with an axe more than 20 years ago after the discovery of a human skull in May a jury was told yesterday. But the skull was later found to date from 410 AD.

Mr Martin Thomas, QC, for the prosecution, told Chester Crown Court that no trace had been found of Malika Maria De Fernandez, who disappeared on or about October 27, 1960.

Her husband, a former BOAC airline official, Peter Reyn-Bardt, aged 57, from Knightsbridge, west London, pleaded not guilty yesterday to murder between October 27, 1960, and June 30, 1961.

The skull's discovery in Wilmslow, near Stockport, led directly to the arrest and confession. Mr Thomas said. It was tested by the department of archaeology at Oxford University.

"The tests were not completed until October 12. But the conclusions were that the subject of the skull died in the year 410 AD, just before the Roman legions departed.

Mr Reyn-Bardt, a homosexual, had met his wife on March 25, 1959, while she was working as a waitress in the Zanzibar Coffee Bar in Manchester. Mr Thomas said.

She was slim, with long black hair worn in a Spanish style. She looked Spanish, but spoke English without an accent. "Who precisely she was, her nationality, her background has never been properly established."

Mr Thomas said that within two hours they were engaged and married on March 28 "in a burst of publicity" in the press and on television. Her age was given as 32.

"He was in some trouble with his employers over over homosexuality and the marriage gave him respectability. She apparently loved to travel and could get free air travel through his position as station officer."

They moved into a house in Greater Manchester, but it was always a marriage of convenience, Mr Thomas said. However, Mr Reyn-Bardt's association with a young man, Philip Clark, caused friction.

It came to a head in November, when she moved out. In January, 1983, Mr Reyn-Bardt was asked by two policemen whether he had killed his wife, Mr Thomas said. He replied: "Good gracious, no."

But, on May 13 an excavator driver found a human skull, thought to be that of a female aged between 30 and 50, about 300 yards from the cottage. Detectives arrested Mr Reyn-Bardt.

He alleged to have said that he murdered her that day because she threatened to expose his homosexuality unless he paid her more money. The trial continues today.



Indian epic: Members of the Kala Kendra dance and drama company from Delhi at the Commonwealth Institute in London yesterday. The group, which is on a European tour, will give performances this week, including a presentation of Ram Lila, a famous Indian morality tale of gods, kings, princesses and undying love. (Photograph: John Voos).

## South-east spends more for Christmas

By Derek Harris  
Commercial Editor

Shoppers in the South-east, particularly in London, are already promising the retail trade there a better Christmas than last year. But reports are bleaker from other regions.

Table wine sales, already on an upward trend as spirits and beer sales have decreased, have again increased and an annual record sale of wines, including ports and sherries, should reach about 750 million bottles by the end of the year, according to the Wine and Spirit Association.

Toy sales for the year are expected to be up by at least 6 per cent to more than £700m worth, according to the National Association of Toy Retailers. An early start to Christmas selling saw sales at Hamleys in Regent Street up by 36 per cent in the first half of November and sales are still running strongly.

But in Sheffield, Redgates, one of the biggest toy retailers in the North of England, has so far been only matching sales volumes of last year, which proved a relatively disappointing Christmas.

While Christmas shopping in the South of England started early there is a noticeable tendency to later shopping in the North.

Cole Brothers, a Sheffield department store which is part of the John Lewis Partnership, saw sales decline by 4.5 per cent in the week ended November 26, compared with the same week a year ago. But in the following week to December 3 sales were up by 4.5 per cent.

John Lewis, which has a score of department stores, has seen its best results in the first week of this month in the South-east. Overall sales in the week-ended December 3 were 11 per cent up, just short of the group's projected increase. Toy, radio and television sales were up by nearly 15 per cent.

### November sales up

Spending in the shops gathered pace again in November after dipping slightly the previous month, according to provisional figures from the Department of Trade and Industry (Peter Wilson-Smith writes).

The retail sales index, which measures the seasonally adjusted volume of trade in the shops, rose by 1.1 per cent between October and November to a provisional 116.5. This was still below the record 117.3 in September.

## Call to ban private shoplifting writs

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Leave to introduce a private members' Bill to ban private shoplifting prosecutions is being sought on January 16 by Mr Greville Janner QC, Labour MP for Leicester West.

The Bill would also require the police to follow the Essex force's system of cautions in appropriate cases, including those involving the elderly and infirm.

Mr Janner says in a letter to Mr David Mellor, Under Secretary at the Home Office, that Leicestershire Police have followed the example of Essex.

Leicestershire Police were the prosecuting authority in the case of Lady Barnett, of Cossington, Leicestershire, a friend of Mr Janner, who killed herself in 1980 four days after her conviction at Leicester Crown Court for stealing a carton of cream and a tin of tuna fish, valued at 75p, from a village store.

"The dock was no place for poor Lady-Isobel Barnett", Mr Janner said in a letter to *The Times* on December 2.

Mr Janner's move to introduce the Bill also follows the decision by F W Woolworth to prosecute a widow aged 77, for shoplifting. Mr Recorder Goldstein described the action as "an affront to British justice".

After the judge's comments, Mr Richard Newcombe for Woolworth decided not to proceed with the case and a formal verdict of not guilty was recorded. Woolworth protested to the Lord Chancellor about the judge's comments.

But Mr Mellor has replied to Mr Janner that there can be no justification for restricting, in general, access to the courts by private prosecutors as proposed by the Royal Commission on Criminal Procedure.

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## Film fans must pay more for 007

Cinema goers will have to pay extra to see two hit films this Christmas.

Prices are to be increased at one hundred ABC cinemas for the new James Bond film, *Never Say Never Again*, starring Sean Connery, and the thriller *Jaws 3D*. Adults will pay an extra 50p and children an extra 25p.

Thorn EMI, which owns the cinema chain, says that increasing prices for "blockbusters" is one way to bring more money into the troubled film industry.

*Never Say Never Again* has proved the most successful Bond film ever in the United States. The two new films together have grossed more than £100m already.

Thorn EMI's marketing director, Mr Philip Nugus, said: "Putting up prices for individual films is a gamble. But audience research has shown that many people are prepared to pay more for the big-budget, high quality film."

"That means we can spend more on publicity and so attract more money back into the industry to be used on improving cinema standards."

"We are experimenting with this system instead of putting up all seat prices in the new year."

"People who can afford to go to the cinema will do so anyway. For them 50p is not a great deal."

## Pub video licence ruling

A ruling by councillors in Dudley, West Midlands, could lead to thousands of public houses all over the country having to be licensed as cinemas at a fee of more than £50.

The Dudley environmental health committee has decided that the Windmill in the village of Lye, which has one of the new video jukeboxes, must be licensed under the Cinematograph (Amendments) Act, which came into force a year ago.

Other councils are believed to be facing similar decisions. If the ruling stands it could mean public houses and wine bars with video jukeboxes having to apply annually for cinema licences and submit to inspection by the fire brigade and environmental health officials.

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## Estate agents might take on conveyancing

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

Estate agents are likely to provide competition for solicitors in conveyancing if Mr Austin Mitchell's House Buyers Bill becomes law, the Incorporated Society of Valuers and Auctioneers said yesterday.

Commenting on the Bill, which has its second reading on Friday, the society says that it is unaware of any significant demand from house agents to undertake conveyancing, but "if the Bill is enacted banks and building societies will be empowered to offer this service and in order to compete, many agents will feel compelled to follow suit."

Concerned about the risks involved for the house buyers if the solicitor's monopoly is ended, the society believes that in spite of safeguards built into the Bill, including limiting non-solicitors to do the conveyancing on property with registered title only, the risk of mistake is merely reduced, not eradicated.

"The society remain firmly of the opinion that not only should all conveyancers undergo a course of training, but they should also have a sound basic knowledge of property law."

Mr Brian Grainger, president of the society, said that it was constantly trying to find ways of reducing costs and speeding property transactions but "this must never be at the expense of professional competence."

A Conservative pressure group, the National Association of Conservative Graduates yesterday gave its support to Mr Mitchell's Bill.

"The Government's stance has been equivocal and unconvincing."

"If (which we very much doubt) the Law Society's arguments against this narrowing of their monopoly are right, then solicitors have nothing to fear because the competition will eventually wither away," the association said.

## Arrested lawyer claims damages from the police

A solicitor was accused of theft, arrested in a busy court building and kept in a police cell, a jury at the High Court in Manchester was told yesterday.

But David Middleweek, aged 44, was never prosecuted. His counsel Mr John Huggill QC told the court that the conduct of the police had been "quite outrageous and without justification."

Mr Middleweek, a partner in a Manchester firm, was detained for more than two hours in Liverpool's main police station. Then, in the hearing of others he was told he was being bailed on suspicion of stealing a police document.

Mr Middleweek is claiming damages, alleging wrongful arrest, unlawful search, false imprisonment and defamation from the Chief Constable of Merseyside and Inspector William Coady.

The hearing continues today.

## Complaint over 'Koo' Stark story upheld

The Press Council has upheld a complaint that *The Sun* invaded the Royal Family's privacy by publishing information about Prince Andrew and Miss Kathleen (Koo) Stark supplied by a former royal servant.

The material should not have been published, the council said, because it related to matters which were essentially private. Despite great interest in the Royal Family's activities there was an area of life and conduct which they and their guests could regard as private.

Only the first day's material in what was intended to be a series was published because *The Sun* became subject to legal proceedings brought on behalf of The Queen, and publication was halted. The action was settled within days, one of the terms being that no further articles would be published.

## Antifreeze test failed by garages

By Robin Young

How can motorists be certain there is enough antifreeze in their cars to withstand winter's low temperatures? The answer, according to West Midlands County Council's consumer services department, is that they cannot, unless they drain the system and refill with the appropriate mixture.

The department fitted a test vehicle's cooling system with rather more antifreeze than the manufacturers recommended, then took it to 20 garages selected at random, asking them to check whether any antifreeze was needed. Only four garages agreed there was sufficient antifreeze in the car. Five claimed there was no antifreeze in the system at all, and three of the garages which encouraged the researchers to spend money unnecessarily on buying antifreeze also charged 50p for carrying out the test.

The method of test varied. Most used some form of tester, but others did it by licking a finger dipped in the system and judging by taste. That method is not recommended for do-it-yourself tests as the methanol in some antifreezes can be poisonous.

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## Doctors win closure reprieve

A group of family doctors have won a High Court order forcing a health authority to reconsider closing their hospital.

Mr Justice Woolf ruled yesterday that Hillingdon Health Authority had acted unlawfully when it made a decision to close the 53-year-old Northwood, Pinner and District Hospital.

In September the authority had decided to close the hospital temporarily because of overspending in the district which would have reached £1m unless drastic measures were taken. A temporary shutdown leading to permanent closure would save £358,000 in a full year.

However, Hillingdon had not taken account of the doctors' three-month contracts and although the authority had now issued termination notices ending the contracts in February, their September decision was quashed.

The hospital which has 36 beds, has remained open pending the outcome of the court action. The judge said his order would only add a short additional delay before the authority met to reconsider the question of closure.

The first decision had been supported by only a small majority and the judge said they were entitled to come to the same decision again but he recognized that there could be a different decision.

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# France's extreme right delighted by surge in Brittany by-election

From Diana Goldes, Paris

The extreme right-wing National Front marked up the most striking result in the 15 national and local government by-elections on Sunday, obtaining 13 per cent of the vote in the parliamentary by-election in the second constituency of the Morbihan in Brittany.

Otherwise, the by-elections showed overall a continuation of the shift away from the left to the right, but with nevertheless some success for the left, with the Communists increasing their share of the vote in three cantonal by-elections and the Socialists increasing theirs in one.

The National Front's high score in the Morbihan, obtained by its own president, M Jean-Marie Le Pen, was unexpected, particularly in a predominantly country area where there are virtually no immigrants. It was the National Front's best result since the 17 per cent it won in the Dreux municipal by-election last September.

A delighted M Le Pen, who

was born in the Morbihan, claimed afterwards that the National Front should now be considered the second most important opposition party after the Gaullist RPR.

M Georges Sarre, national secretary of the Socialist Party, said the result obtained by M Le Pen was worrying.

The Morbihan by-election was held after the election to the senate of the previous incumbent, M Christian Bonnet, UDF *deputé* for the constituency for the past 26 years. Three of the seven people contesting the seat on Sunday were rival UDF candidates.

Between them they obtained 66 per cent of the vote, however, while the Socialist candidate obtained only 15 per cent, markedly down from the 30 per cent the Socialists obtained in the national elections at the peak of the party's popularity two years ago. There will be a run-off between two UDF candidates next Sunday.

The only other parliamentary

by-election on Sunday was in the first constituency of the Lot in the Midi-Pyrénées, where M Maurice Faure, a member of the centre-left Mouvement des Radicaux de Gauche (MRG), had held the seat for 32 years until his election to the Senate.

Although the single opposition candidate gained the highest score in the Lot with 43 per cent of the vote, the left is well placed to win the run-off next Sunday. The three Socialist, Communist and MRG candidates obtained between them over 51 per cent.

The young MRG candidate, M Bernard Charles, who was endorsed by M Faure, did surprisingly well, obtaining 23 per cent of the vote, compared with only 16 per cent for the official Socialist Party candidate. The MRG is one of the components of the present Government, but is so tiny, usually getting no more than 2-3 per cent of the national vote, that it is rarely mentioned.



African quartet: President Daniel Arap Moi of Kenya (left) celebrating yesterday his country's 20 years of independence with some of the invited heads of state - King Moshoeshoe of Lesotho, President Kannda of Zambia and President Said Barre of Somalia. The occasion was marked by the pardoning of 7,000 petty criminals and assurances to Uganda and Tanzania that Kenya would never tolerate dissident groups from those nations on its soil.

## Angola 'to step up use of Cubans'

By Richard Dowden

Cuban and Soviet involvement in southern Africa may soon be stepped up and Cuban troops used in direct combat against the Unita guerrillas and the South Africans supporting them, according to an Angolan official.

Mr Arslan Humbaraci, an Angolan Government adviser, told a press conference in London yesterday that the Angolans would soon ask for more Cuban troops and that, in the wake of the US invasion of Grenada, Cuba would be willing to supply them.

Until now, the Cuban forces in his country, estimated by US sources to number 20,000, have been held back from direct front-line combat.

It is understood the Russians have supplied new MiGs, Sam missiles and armour to Angola, and that France has sold Angola Gazelle helicopter gunships. The Soviet Union, Mr Humbaraci hinted, would be delighted with an Angolan decision to raise the stakes for the Americans in Southern Africa.

"Because of South African involvement in this zone, the war may take on new dimensions and the battle here will involve Cuban and perhaps Soviet troops. Cuban troops will be directly involved in the fighting."

## American prisons in crisis

### A short fuse and a history of rioting

From Trevor Fishlock, New York

America's prisons are in crisis. The tougher sentencing of recent years - a response to public demand for sterner treatment of criminals - has filled many jails to overflowing.

Prison governors are concerned that overcrowding is stoking up tensions which could erupt into rioting. One talks of his prison as a time bomb. Attica in New York state, for example, has 2,100 men in its cells - 300 more than the limit set after the 1971 riots in which 43 prisoners and guards died.

The American prison population has doubled in 10 years to 432,000. In some jails, the overcrowded cells can take no more and men are living in tents, basements, gymnasiums and corridors.

In New York city, several hundred prisoners have been released on a judge's orders to relieve pressure on jails. Mr Edward Koch, the outspoken mayor, then accused judges of not working hard enough.

The judges replied that Mr Koch should not push his responsibilities on to the judiciary, and his administration should build more cells. About 12 serious offenders, including five accused of murder and two of rape, somehow got on to the release list in New York. Officials

Mayor Koch: Judges not working hard enough

## Somalia to resettle refugees

From Charles Harrison, Nairobi

Somalia, with the world's highest proportion of refugees to its population, plans to move some of them from overcrowded camps to more permanent settlements where they can become self-supporting.

The problem began in 1978, when hundreds of thousands of ethnic Somalis fled from the semi-desert Ogaden region of Ethiopia after an invasion by Somali troops had been repelled.

The number of refugees was put at well over a million - against a normal population for the country of about four million. Now UN officials estimate that there are about 700,000 refugees in 35 camps in different parts of Somalia.

The Deputy UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr Richard Smyser, recently toured many of the camps.

A UN spokesman said there had been a marked improvement. Most camps have adequate water supplies, health and nutrition standards were better and morale among the refugees had improved.

However, the enmity between Somalia and Ethiopia, which reached a peak in 1978, makes it virtually impossible for the countries to devise any plan for the refugees to return to the Ogaden.

## Pilots 'too emotional' after air crashes

From Richard Wigg, Madrid

Spain's airline pilots were yesterday accused by the Government of reacting emotionally to the two recent air disasters.

Señor Enrique Barón, the Transport and Tourism Minister, made the accusation when defending safety equipment at Spanish airports.

Speaking at a specially summoned press conference at which senior tourism officials were also present, the minister emphasized the need for strict observance of travel safety regulations to avoid increasing Spain's accident toll.

Linking the pilots with train drivers and motorists, Señor Barón said: "It is true in Spain we can improve respect for systems of safety."

The one-year-old Socialist Government, which has appointed new directors at half the country's airports, was, Señor Barón said, making a great effort to improve supervision of all transport.

Señor Barón virtually rejected all the criticism voiced by Spanish pilots after the head-on collision last week between two Spanish jets in dense fog at Madrid which killed 93 people. Only 10 days before that disaster, a South American jumbo crashed coming in to land at Madrid, with the loss of 181 lives.

The Minister said it was at the discretion of the airlines whether planes should fly in near minimal weather conditions.

The director-general of tourism said at the meeting that no reroutings of tourist groups had occurred after the recent disasters, but there had been individual cancellations.

No adverse comments on Madrid's Barajas airport had come from British pilots, the Transport Minister said. Gatwick was using the same systems, he said.

Answering the pilots' charge that if Barajas had ground radar, the head-on collision could have been avoided, Señor Barón said a similar accident had occurred in Chicago two years ago where the airport had such a system.

With only a few days of fog a year at Madrid, the problem was really how best to select safety priorities. Señor Pedro Tena, the director-general of civil aviation, emphasized. He suggested that doubling existing radar flight control equipment might be preferable.

## Bush tells El Salvador to stop death squads

From Alan Tomlinson, Tegucigalpa

Vice-President George Bush has informed the Government of El Salvador that aid to the country may not continue unless there is an end to killings by right-wing death squads.

US officials in San Salvador said the purpose of Mr Bush's visit was to impress upon President Avaro Magana and his Defence Minister, General Carlos Vides Casanova, the genuine concern of the Reagan Administration about human rights violations in the country.

Mr Bush pressed the point at a dinner in his honour and reiterated it at a press conference given prior to his departure.

He described the killings as the "murderous violence of reactionary minorities" and said El Salvador would find it difficult to get the aid it deserved unless the death squads were stopped.

An independent human rights organization in the country estimates that up to 40,000 civilians have been killed by the security forces and the death squads in the past four years.

The State Department denied an entry visa to Señor Roberto D'Aubuisson, the head of the right-wing Arena Party, which has been linked with the death squads.

## 3 accused of island plot

Perth (AFP) - A court here was told yesterday of an alleged plan for a commando-style raid to overthrow the Government of the Comoro Islands, off the East African coast.

Three men - Walter John Pilgrim, aged 54, Edward Arthur Greengrove, aged 42, and Frederick John Patrick, aged 46 - appeared at a

preliminary hearing in the Perth magistrates' court, charged under sections of the Crimes Act.

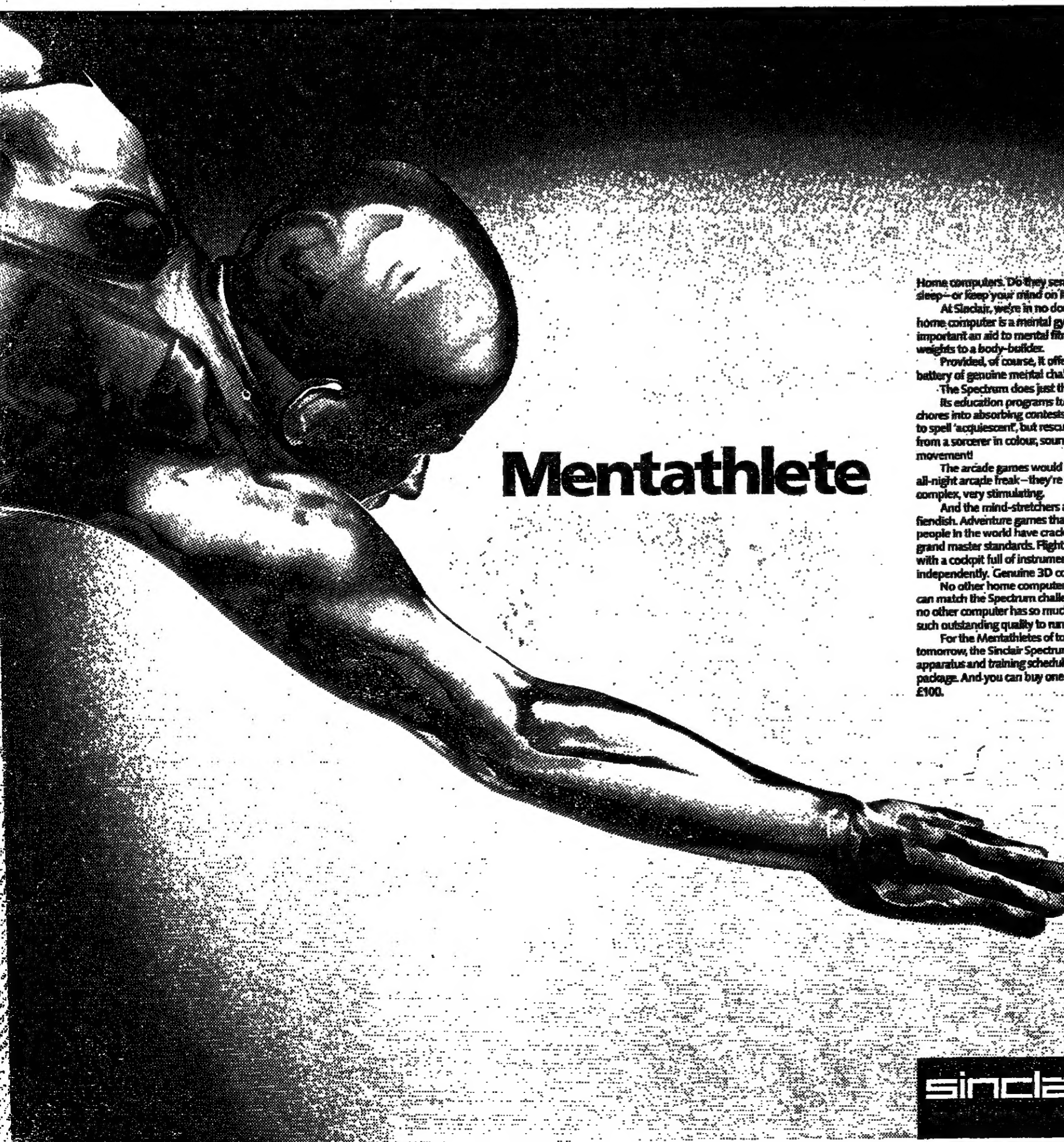
The court heard that a former ruler of the Comoro Islands was seeking to be reinstated and the scheme was for Mr Pilgrim to recruit men to overthrow the Government.



## Power change in Venezuela

De Jaime Lusinchi, aged 59, who was formally proclaimed President-elect of Venezuela yesterday after the Supreme Electoral Council confirmed Democratic Action's landslide victory over the ruling Christian Democrats in elections on December 4.

He will take office in early February. (Colin Harding writes). His party will have an absolute majority in both houses of Congress, with its 118 seats in the lower house more than double those of the Christian Democrats.



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# Portugal offers to act as go-between in Falklands negotiations

From Douglas Tweedale, Buenos Aires

Portugal has offered to transmit Argentina's views on the Falkland Islands dispute to the British Government, Senhor Mario Soares, the Prime Minister, revealed in Buenos Aires. It was the second West European nation to offer to intercede with Britain in search for a negotiated solution to the Falklands problem; France made a similar proposal on Sunday. Senhor Bettino Craxi, the Italian Prime Minister, who carried Mrs Thatcher's Note congratulating the new Argentine Government, has also offered to carry any return messages.

Senhor Soares made his offer during a private meeting with President Raúl Alfonsín two days after the new Argentine leader took office and put an end to the military Government responsible for last year's war in the South Atlantic.

"We are in a position to transmit Argentina's opinions to the British Government and to point out the importance of this change to democracy," Senhor Soares told reporters after meeting Señor Alfonsín.

The Prime Minister added that the inauguration of President Alfonsín was "well viewed" in West Europe and would "facilitate a dialogue within the framework of the United Nations about the problem of the Malvinas (Falklands) Islands."

The French Prime Minister, M Pierre Mauroy, hinted on Sunday that Paris might be ready to shift its position on the Falklands as part of its support for Argentina's new democratic Government.

M Mauroy told a press conference: "France never voted against Argentina in the United Nations, it only abstained, and Alfonsín was not President when that occurred."

He also promised that France would open a dialogue with the British to bring about negotiations soon with Argentina in the Falklands.

President Alfonsín's Government was expected to begin announcing its first measures after being inaugurated formally on Saturday. Officials at the Economics Ministry said they would impose indirect price

controls on Argentine businesses to halt the soaring inflation rate.

A thorough reform of the armed forces, promised by Señor Alfonsín during his campaign, is also expected to be among the first measures taken. Newspapers on Sunday reported that the Government had chosen General Mario Fernandez Torres as head of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, a move which would drive many high-ranking generals into retirement.

Government officials have not confirmed these reports and said the names of military appointees would be released this week.

The Government's purge is expected to be particularly severe in the Army because it has not weeded out officers responsible for Argentina's defeat in the Falklands war. President Alfonsín has also blamed senior military officers for human rights abuses and the disappearance of up to 30,000 people in a period of repression which began as a fight against left-wing guerrillas.

## Mystery of businessman's death

### Bodies, denials and hints of spying

From Our Own Correspondent, Paris

French police are still keeping an open mind about the death of Mr Niall Campbell, the ICI employee, who disappeared in Paris on December 1. Further tests on the body were carried out yesterday in Brest.

The initial post-mortem examination showed that he had drowned, but police would like to know if he was given any drugs or was hit before he fell or was pushed into the sea. There is a wound on his forehead, but it is not clear whether he received it before or after he drowned.

Mr Campbell, aged 42, was married with two children and worked as an assistant planning manager for ICI's fibres division in Harrogate. He came to Paris for a routine business visit on November 30 and booked into his usual hotel, the Vernet, in the 8th arrondissement.

The next day, December 1, he brought his suitcase down to the lobby, saying he was planning to leave that evening. After attending meetings at ICI's Paris offices in the morning, he lunched with colleagues, before returning to the hotel to leave his briefcase, containing his passport, return air ticket and some money, saying he was going shopping. He was never seen alive again.

On December 2, the French Maritime Police picked up a body which had been washed up on to the rocks near Brest, not far from the French nuclear submarine base on the Ile Longue. The post-mortem showed the man had died at about midnight on December 1, but he was not identified until last Saturday, more than a week later.

Neither Mr Campbell's wife nor ICI know why he should



Mr Campbell: What was he doing near Brest?

The rumours were fed by the disappearance from Paris of a second British businessman, Mr Robert Graham, a newly-married accountant, aged 27, with the London-based Transport Development Group.

French police have stepped up their search for Mr Graham, but insist there is no evidence to suggest any link between the cases.

More excitement was generated by reports that a headless, armless body had been found washed up on the rocks near where Mr Campbell's body had been found. It now appears that no such body has been found in the past fortnight.

## Kohl tries to woo Andropov

Bonn (Reuters) - Dr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, yesterday urged Moscow to preserve top-level contacts with the West and invited President Andropov to visit Bonn.

Addressing a leadership meeting of his Christian Democratic Party (CDU), he also said he would welcome a summit between President Andropov and President Reagan next year.

The West, he said, would keep all doors open for agreement on limiting intermediate and medium-range nuclear missiles, reducing conventional forces and banning all chemical weapons from Europe.

"We will also use every chance of cooperation in other areas - political, economic, cultural and humanitarian," Dr Kohl said. "For this reason, I expressly repeat my invitation to General-Secretary Andropov."

During his Moscow visit last July, Chancellor Kohl invited Mr Andropov to come to Bonn. The invitation was accepted but no date has yet been discussed.

Dr Kohl, who has been eager to maintain contacts with Moscow despite East-West frictions over deployment of new US nuclear arms in Europe, said his Foreign Minister, Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, and Mr Andrei Gromyko the Soviet Foreign Minister, would meet early next year.

Chancellor Kohl's address, was described by diplomats here as highly conciliatory.

Later he told a press reception in West Berlin that Bonn would consider steps to improve relations with Poland and East Germany. Relations with East Germany, he said, were particularly important.

## Tensions in Israel, Jordan and Lebanon



Face from the past: Mr Menachem Begin, the former Israeli Prime Minister, arriving at his new flat in the Beit Hakarem quarter of Jerusalem. He has disappeared into voluntary seclusion as a result of deep depression on September 6.

## Bethlehem security fears grow Britons held at gunpoint in Beirut

From Christopher Walker, Jerusalem

From Robert Fisk Beirut

Fears are mounting about security during Christmas Eve celebration in the Israeli-occupied town of Bethlehem after a new campaign of violence against Arab and Christian targets.

The televised celebrations in Bethlehem's Manger Square have long been regarded as a prestige target for both Palestinian and Jewish terrorist groups. Strict security precautions are already in force.

The latest attacks took place yesterday in the Palestinian village of Hussan, only two miles from Bethlehem, where three Israeli Army issue grenades - each professionally booby-trapped with a hair trigger mechanism - were placed by Arab targets.

One exploded when a woman opened the front door of her

house while the other two were defused by the security forces.

The grenades were similar to four planted last Friday at Christian institutions close to Jerusalem's Mount Zion and a fifth at a mosque at Beit Safa, another village close to Bethlehem. All were booby-trapped.

Another army issue grenade exploded on Friday night in the main shopping street in the annexed Arab sector of Jerusalem and six Arab-owned cars were vandalized in the village of Abu Tor on Jerusalem's outskirts.

Israeli security forces believe that a right-wing Jewish terrorist group is responsible for the attacks, which appear to be part of a campaign begun two weeks ago.

The campaign had become noticeably more violent in the

wake of last week's Jerusalem bus bomb attack in which five Jews were killed, including three schoolgirls.

One police officer said that the professionalism of the grenade attacks indicated the possibility that the perpetrators had had army training.

Extra security measures have been instituted to try to prevent more attacks at a time of high tension between Jews and Arabs in the Holy City.

TEL AVIV: Israeli authorities have demolished the homes of three alleged guerrillas accused of killing a Jewish seminary student in the West Bank town of Hebron (Reuters reports).

The authorities also sealed off four other homes of alleged terrorists in Hebron and Ramallah, military officials said.

Three British soldiers attached to the multinational force in Lebanon were stopped and detained for an hour by gunmen from the Amal Shia Muslim militia yesterday after they had accidentally driven their Land Rover into the Bourj al-Barajneh suburb not far from the British base in southern Beirut.

The Amal militiamen, who originally thought the troops were Americans - despite the Union flag attached to their vehicle - later released the Britons unharmed.

A spokesman for the 97-strong British contingent, who failed to explain how the soldiers could have taken a wrong turning so near to their headquarters, said that the men "negotiated their own release" and that their weapons had not been taken from them.

● Arafat appeal: The Lebanese Army accused Druze militia of breaking the civil war ceasefire yesterday as official efforts again failed to reactivate a security committee charged with stabilizing the truce. Mr Yassir Arafat, the Palestinian leader, asked for protection against an Israeli air attack on his loyalist guerrillas as they assembled at Tripoli's harbour to board Greek ships that will evacuate them.

The military command here said army positions had come under Druze artillery and rocket fire.

## We are at the edge, says Husain

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

King Husain of Jordan in an American television interview described conditions in the Middle East area as very dangerous.

"We are all at the edge of a precipice and the (Middle East) area is threatened," he said in a satellite interview from Jordan on Sunday.

Asked to what extent the Soviet presence in Syria posed a threat to Jordan and Middle East peace, the king replied: "The danger in the area is of polarization."

He reiterated that certain conditions would have to be

met and he would have to have Palestinian participation and support before he could enter into any negotiations with Israel on a Middle East settlement.

King Husain said that Israel's illegal settlement activities on the occupied West Bank were continuing to create obstacles.

Questioned about the fighting with the Palestine Liberation Organization the king said: "We will continue to do business with a PLO which represents the people of Palestine and their hopes and aspirations." He added that any PLO organization that was

subservient to the will or policies of any Arab state or any force in the world "is certainly one that we would not recognize."

King Husain said that the United States has a contribution to make to the establishment of a just and durable peace in the Middle East.

It certainly could do that as a superpower interested in peace in the area. "But it cannot do it if it has embarked upon a course that would make it an ally of Israel - in other words, an ally of a belligerent in the tragedy in which we all live."

## New EEC spirit on budget

From Ian Murray Strasbourg

The European Parliament was last night moving towards acceptance of the Community's 1984 budget, despite the failure of the Athens summit last week. But a question mark still hangs over the future of the agreed British rebate of £457m, which the Government wants paid by the end of March.

At the previous reading of the budget in the Parliament in October, members of most parties threatened to block it unless there was real progress in Athens. They also blocked all the money for Britain in the budget and tried to put a freeze on five per cent of all agricultural spending.

But from the opening speeches in last night's debate, it was clear that a new spirit of compromise is sweeping through the Parliament. The threat of Community bankruptcy appeared to have united the strong farming lobbies.

Mme Christiane Scrivener, the French liberal MEP, who is rapporteur for the budget, told the Assembly last night that the Athens failure required members to show they could override national selfishness and find constructive solutions. The important thing, she said, was for Parliament to behave responsibly to help the Community out of its present crisis.

As far as the British and West German rebates are concerned, she was less obviously seeking conciliation.

## Base blockade broken

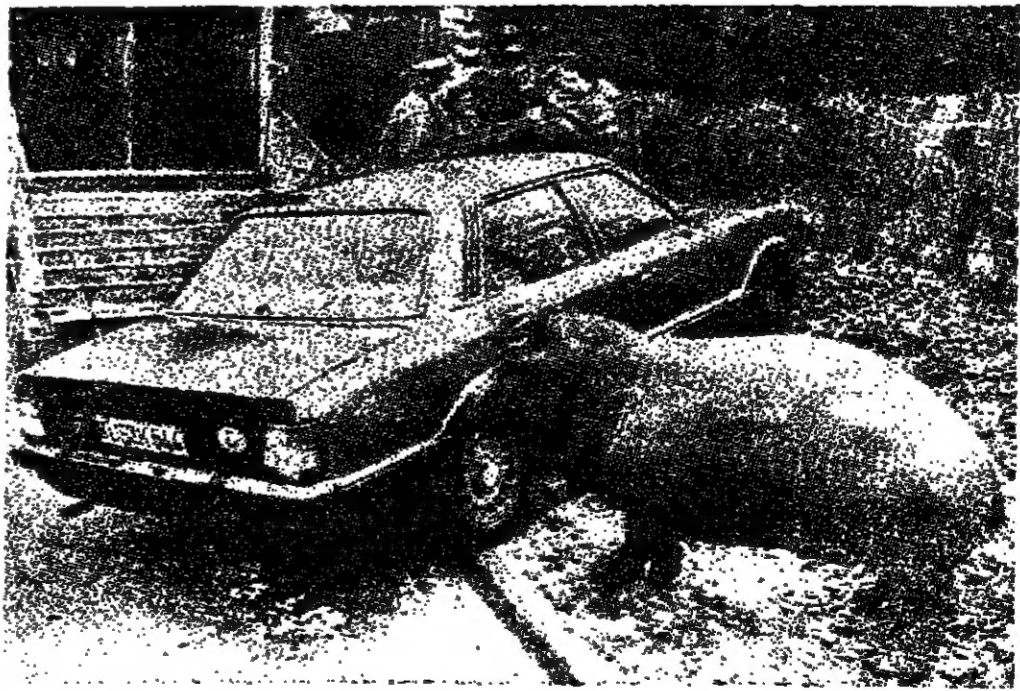
From Our Own Correspondent, Bonn

Riot police used water cannon against anti-nuclear demonstrators who blockaded an American military depot in Frankfurt yesterday.

About 150 demonstrators tried to prevent a West German Army lorry from entering the depot, in the Hausen district, where the peace movement claims it is used to assemble parts for Pershing 2 missiles.

Up to 40 people were detained, 30 of them for allegedly insulting the police by swearing and spitting at them.

In Mühlhagen, near Stuttgart, where West Germany's first Pershing 2 missiles are believed to be deployed, 100 demonstrators tried to blockade a US Army base. However, police carried them off the road, detaining 15 of them.



Traffic offence: A runaway hippopotamus from a West German circus attacks a police car before being hustled into a horse van at Kassel.

## Islamic scholars brand Syria as anti-Muslim

Islamabad (Reuters) - An international conference of Islamic scholars said yesterday that Muslims were being persecuted in Syria, Uganda and Ethiopia.

A communiqué issued at the end of the conference said the scholars expressed horror over the systematic persecution of Muslims in Syria on "a scale and in a brutal manner that has few parallels in history."

## Riot police on stand-by in Gdansk and Warsaw

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

Poland's leaders have been visiting some of the country's main industrial troublespots on the Baltic coast in an effort to dissuade workers from following the siren call of the Solidarity underground for demonstrations and protest marches this week.

In case gentle persuasion fails columns of motorized Riot Police (Zomo) have been moving into place in both Gdansk and Warsaw.

There are two possible booby traps the Government may have to cope with this week. The first comes today, the second anniversary of the declaration of martial law by General Jaruzelski.

Although Solidarity has not called for unrest today, the anniversary is sure to bring some trouble. A number of factory cells have been discussing the possibility of small-scale wreath-laying ceremonies and chanting.

But Friday, the thirteenth anniversary of the shooting of

workers during the food riot on the Baltic coast, is seen as the most volatile date. In Gdansk, Mr Lech Walesa will attempt to make a public speech announcing new plans for the banned Solidarity trade union, while opposition groups in Nowa Huta, Warsaw and Wrocław have been organizing protest marches.

● Mrs Walesa home: Mrs Danuta Walesa, the wife of the Nobel Peace Prize laureate, yesterday returned from the awards ceremony in Oslo to Warsaw airport which police sealed off to prevent any show of popular support for her husband (Reuters reports).

Mrs Walesa, accompanied by her eldest son, Bogdan, was welcomed by her husband and the family's close friend and adviser, Father Henryk Jankowski of Gdansk.

Motorists who could not produce airline tickets or were not accredited journalists were turned back by police.

## Parents of crippled baby win appeal

The United States Supreme Court refused yesterday to order surgeons to operate on Baby Jane Doe, the nine-week-old infant with multiple birth defects whose case has roused a nationwide controversy (Trevor Fishlock writes).

Baby Jane, whose real name is a secret, was born with an abnormally small head and brain, water on the brain and spinal bifida, an exposed spine. Her parents were told that without surgery she would be unlikely to live beyond two. Surgery would give her a chance of living to 20, but she would be in pain, retarded, paralyzed and epileptic.

The decided against surgery, but a right-to-life group, persuaded a court to order surgery and appoint a lawyer as the baby's guardian. This order was subsequently overturned in an appeal court and yesterday the Supreme Court in Washington supported the appeal court's action.

## Lisbon's new army chief

Lisbon-Portugal's Cabinet has chosen General Jorge da Costa Salazar Braga to succeed General Garcia dos Santos as Army Chief of Staff (Martha de la Cal writes).

General Salazar Braga, aged 58, served in Angola and Guinea Bissau and has also been a professor in the Institute for Advanced Military Studies. He has no known political affiliations.

## Peru guerrillas 'aid drug trade'

Lima (AP) - The Peru Government says it has proof that international cocaine traffickers and Maoist guerrillas are working together in Peru's insurgency zone.

An extraordinary session of the senate was held in a special report that the guerrillas provide protection to illegal cocaine traffickers in return for money, arms and clothes.

## Scalp reform

Peking (Reuters) - Chinese Buddhist monks and nuns are being urged to scrap a 1,000-year-old initiation rite of burning bare patches on the scalp because it is bad for their health. The Buddhist association's national council, meeting in Peking, will abolish the custom if provincial Buddhist associations agree.

## Barents talks

Moscow (Reuters)-Norway and the Soviet Union opened talks intended to break a 12-year deadlock on rights to the Barents Sea. At stake are the rights to 60,000 square miles of Arctic continental shelf seabed believed to hold extensive oil deposits.

## Buried protest

Brisbane (Reuters) - Ten people protesting at the building of a road in a rain forest in Cape Tribulation Park, Queensland, were arrested after they had buried themselves in front of a bulldozer. Other protesters chained and roped themselves to branches.

## Fine gesture

Bonn-West German police in all states except Lower Saxony and West Berlin will show a spirit of goodwill to traffic offenders during the Christmas period by delaying postage of notices of fines. This is to avoid "disturbance of the family feast days".

## Students shot

Peshawar (AFP) - Ten students were injured, one seriously, when police opened fire here on students from a commercial college, demonstrating for increased grants and a return to democracy in Pakistan.

## Silent chimes

Copenhagen (AP) - The city's town hall clock stood still yesterday when 10 anti-nuclear demonstrators stopped the noon chimes from ringing for the first time since they were installed in 1903.

## Nota bene

Rome (AP) - The Bank of Italy announced yesterday it will change all Italian banknotes at the beginning of the New Year. The new bills will be more sensitive to electronic machines used to detect fakes.

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# Moscow admits mishaps as cosmonauts tell of fuel leak on Salyut 7

From Richard Owen, Moscow

Soviet space officials have stated publicly for the first time that the orbiting space station Salyut 7 suffered a fuel leak recently and that a replacement cosmonaut crew had a narrow escape when their rocket launcher exploded. Both mishaps were earlier reported in the West but denied in Moscow.

At a Moscow press conference, Commander Vladimir Lyakhov, who spent 149 days on board Salyut 7 with engineer Aleksandr Aleksandrov, confirmed that they should have been replaced on 26 September, but there had been an accident on the launchpad.

The two replacement cosmonauts had been catapulted to safety, but their Soyuz mission was abandoned. "We were told immediately," Lyakhov said, "that our flight lasted longer than expected. Our programme of work was expanded."

Lyakhov and Aleksandrov finally returned to Earth on 23 November, using the same Soyuz T9 craft which had brought them to the space station. Officials could not confirm that the return had been hazardous. Lyakhov said they had not been in danger and could have returned at any time.

Vladimir Shtalov, the head of cosmonaut training, admitted there had been problems on Salyut 7 after a fuel leak in a

sub-system used for manoeuvring the giant 47-ton space complex. He said the sub-system had been closed down and the station had continued to function normally.



Commander Lyakhov: "We were not in danger."

American reports in November said Salyut 7 had begun to wallow badly after a propellant fuel leak, and that the two cosmonauts on board might have to be rescued.

Both Lyakhov and Aleksandrov described what could have turned into a serious crisis in calm, almost laconic, terms, minimizing the hazards and emphasizing the scientific experiments carried out during the mission.

Aleksandrov described the "emotionally charged" experi-

ence of going outside the space station to install extra solar batteries supplied by the unmanned cargo craft Cosmos 1443 and Progress 18. He said knowing that only a thin space suit separated one from space was an extraordinary sensation. The Earth below was dark, "as in a shadow play", and small objects dropped by the cosmonauts looked like stars.

Mr Shtalov, striking a more prosaic note, said the solar batteries were for energy supplies used in experiments and had no connection with the fuel leak.

He said Salyut 7 was in good condition, and further crews would visit it next year, including an international crew containing Indian cosmonauts now being trained in Russia.

Officials told the press conference that in addition to the space station programme the Soviet Union was carrying out research into an American-style reusable shuttle craft but there were complications.

The two cosmonauts appeared to be fit and well, and said they had adapted quickly from weightlessness to Earth after initial difficulties in walking. Soviet scientists have expressed concern about the effects of prolonged weightlessness on the physical and psychological well being of the cosmonauts.

## Canadian Tories rejuvenated by scent of victory Youthful image peps up the political contest

Concluding his series from Ottawa on the Canadian political scene, Ivan Barnes, Foreign News Editor, reports on the leadership of the two main federal parties.



Part 2

The Progressive Conservative Party (PC), the main opposition in Canada, is riding high. It holds a big lead in opinion polls over the governing Liberal Party and scents victory in the general election which must be held within 15 months.

Fundamental to its high morale is the new, young leader. Six months ago Mr Brian Mulroney, a 44-year-old businessman from Quebec, won the leadership. He entered the House of Commons in September with victory in a by-election in Nova Scotia, his first elective office.

One reason, above all others, probably led the Tories to choose Mr Mulroney: they saw him as a winner. They were shaking off the memory of Mr Joe Clark's muffled opportunity in 1979-80, when he briefly led the PC in a minority government.

Without doubt, the Tories have their best opportunity in decades to effect a fundamental change in Canadian politics. The prize for them is the return to the role of a truly national party, a party of government, not permanent opposition.

Ms Janis Johnson, the national director, brims with confidence. "For the first time



Toryism's new faces: Brian Mulroney and his wife Mila wearing the winning smiles that boosted party morale.

In ages", she said, "the party is positive, confident and disciplined."

The Liberals have allowed this, in her opinion, by their movement leftwards. "People

have had it up to here", Ms Johnson said, "with pseudo-socialism".

She talks easily of what improvements two terms of Tory government will make



John Turner: Young hope for the worried Liberals.

Many Liberals now see their man, Mr Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister, as a loser. They want a young standard-bearer to match, and outmatch, Mr Mulroney.

One man is always mentioned in any list of replacements, should Mr Trudeau quit. Mr John Turner is named by Liberals as the probable front-runner whether they support the idea of his leadership or not, and despite the fact that he has been out of parliamentary politics for nearly eight years.

There is considerable antipathy between the two Liberals. Mr Turner may have been a crown prince for more than a decade, but there is no leader's blessing for this recognized heir, as has generally been the case for Liberals in the past.

Unless the looming Tory threat and its own desperate position cause Liberal minds to concentrate wonderfully, Mr Turner faces a contest, rather than a walkover, if Mr Trudeau goes. Many hats could be in the ring.

Mr Turner, however, has a strong following. He has maintained a network of contacts in the party since he left government. At 54, he is 10 years younger than Mr Trudeau. He is an "Anglo" and the Liberal tradition that the two main language groups take turns as leader has not broken yet.

Most important is whether Liberals believe Mr Turner is their winner. If they do, the job could be his. Meanwhile, the beleaguered party awaits Mr Trudeau's decision and banks on the Tories making mistakes. That has certainly been the Tory way. Their last two administrations have shown a remarkable tendency for self-immolation. Mr Mulroney, sensibly, is keeping quiet on policy matters. Liberals are confident he will cause great fissures in his party once he is forced to take a stand.

It is the Grits (as the Liberals are commonly known) who win elections, who know how to run politics: Tories splinter, argue in public, ruin their chances.

At this stage, it seems that only a miracle can save the Liberals - with or without Mr Trudeau. The Tories know, however, that it would not be prudent to write off the party, which has governed Canada for about 50 of the last 62 years, or the man who is the West's senior statesman.

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## Prisoners of conscience



### Uruguay: Ismael Sena

By Caroline Moorehead

A 45-year-old telephone engineer, father of eight-year-old twins, is one of a growing number of Uruguayan political prisoners whose physical state is causing anxiety.

Ismael Sena, detained since 1975 and charged with "subversive association", has an untreated stomach ulcer. He shares a cell 6ft by 9ft with another prisoner and can leave it for only 45 minutes of exercise each day.

Senior Sena was a delegate for his union and worked in his home town of Montevideo when he and his wife, Alicia, were arrested in October, 1975.

Alicia was released in 1978, but her husband spent six months in detention blindfolded - and was, it is believed, repeatedly tortured - before being moved to a military barracks and then to Libertad prison, known for its harsh treatment and inadequate medical care.

Although no evidence was produced at his trial that he had used or advocated violence, Senior Sena was sentenced by a military court to nine years' detention. Despite petitions and the state of his health there is no suggestion of a reprieve.



Ismael Sena: Spent six months blindfolded.

## Ershad's partial clemency

From Michael Hamlyn, Dhaka

The new President of Bangladesh started his first full day in office by declaring that he was prepared to talk to any of the politicians about his timetable for restoring democracy.

Lieutenant General Hussain Mohammad Ershad, the chief martial law administrator, who made himself President on Sunday began his new role by releasing four women political leaders who have been held under house arrest.

They were Begum Khalida Zia, widow of former President Ziaur Rahman; Shaikh Hasina Wajed, daughter of the late Prime Minister, Shaikh Mujibur Rahman; Mrs Motia Chowdhury and Mrs Ivy Rahman, both leaders of the Awami League.

Four male political leaders, however, who were arrested with them after the disturbances on November 28 remain in jail.

President Ershad's benevolence towards the politicians is very much linked to how they react to his offer of talks. He is plainly prepared to be flexible over the timing of presidential and parliamentary elections.

The politicians are keen to have parliamentary elections before presidential elections, so as to build themselves a power base in the country before tackling General Ershad in a presidential contest.

But on one of their demands he was quite inflexible: he will not withdraw martial law until after the elections have been held. "Some one has to run this country," he said. He is still not ready to lift the restrictions clamped down on political activity after the November 28 demonstrations.

Surrounded by a throng of journalists under the huge chandeliers of the Bangabhaban, the presidential palace, which used to be the home of the governors of East Bengal, he added: "I asked the politicians to explain what happened that day. But they couldn't."

The demonstration which started out quite mildly went out of hand as a crowd attempted to force its way into the government secretariat.

## Swoop on ANC as sacred date looms

From Ray Kennedy, Johannesburg

Ten people were arrested in a police swoop on African National Congress (ANC) suspects believed to be involved in a plot to launch a terror campaign to coincide with South Africa's Day of the Vow on Friday, the most sacred date in the Afrikaner calendar. It commemorates the victory in 1838 of the Voortrekkers over the armies of the Zulu king, Dingaan, at the so-called Battle of Blood River. But it is also the anniversary of the formation of the ANC's military arm, Umkonto We Sizwe (Spear of the Nation).

A police spokesman in Pretoria said yesterday that further arrests were possible. General Johan Coetzee, Commissioner of Police, confirmed that large arms caches had been discovered after a shoot-out in the coloured township of Eldorado Park, near Johannesburg, last week.

One of the people arrested was a prominent ANC member, General Coetzee.

The shoot-out, he said, came during police investigations into an attempt in October to kill Mr P. W. Botha, the Prime Minister.

## Ozal Cabinet delayed

From Rasit Gardilek, Ankara

Mr Turgut Ozal, Turkey's conservative Prime Minister-designate, submitted the list of his Government to President Kenan Evren yesterday, only to be told that its scrutiny would take at least a day.

Mr Ozal chairman of the Motherland Party, which secured a safe majority in the 400-seat Parliament in last month's elections avoided giving any reason for the unaccustomed

delay in approval of the Cabinet list, he merely told reporters that the list would "probably" be made public today, hinting at "surprise appointments".

He declined to comment on speculation that the delay might be caused by the inclusion in the list of names outside Parliament, or to be more precise, those who were vetted earlier by the military regime.

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# FASHION by Suzy Menkes

## Exit Jennifer (stage left)

Just as *Cinderella* opens at the National Theatre this week, the principal lizard has slid offstage. Jennifer Hall, daughter of Sir Peter and film star Leslie Caron, has abandoned the boards after a quarter of a century (from birth to now) in the acting world. Last month she was Helena in *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, now her personal career of stardom is finished.

Jennifer Hall has her mother's mouth, her father's eyes, and a mind of her own. Her current change of career is for love and marriage — she is to marry farmer Alex Clive and swap the South Bank for apple orchards.

"Acting is something that takes up the whole of your emotional life," says Jennifer. "I wouldn't want to act half heartedly."

Her last dramatic switch of roles was when she abandoned Cambridge University three years ago to take up acting. "Then I was in love with acting but now I have changed." The path to the National Theatre was a provincial paving stone of a variety of parts from *Hamlet* to Beckett.

Variety is the spice of her life and of her wardrobe. She dresses, like her mother, in casual, even trousers and sports separates. Yet she hankers for a glamorous style, a shimmering leather skirt or a shimmer of spicy colour.

"I suppose that I haven't quite found my style yet," she admits. "I find that I am always changing. I used to wear garage mechanics overalls and awful old jackets. I never had a feeling about dressing up for the theatre. It was rather a question of dressing down."

Jennifer Hall is tall and striking with Leslie Caron's full lips. "I remember my mother telling me never to smile directly at the camera," says Jennifer. "She claimed it makes your face look fat. But I think that after years at film school being forced to do the MGM smile, she just never wanted to turn it on again."

Jennifer Hall's high-wattage smile beamed out at the sight of the clothes I had brought to the studio, especially Kenzo's bow-tied jacket with a peacock shirt and a pair of shoes with brilliant colour.

"I love colour," she says. "My most important experience of colour was in India. I studied philosophy in Madras and the depth of the green of the grass in the fields was simply delicious. England has always been a home, from school days at Bedale to undergraduate Cambridge, a brief taste of life in Chelsea and now the immodest Gloucestershire countryside. But Jennifer chose for time or designers, buying her clothes when she finds something that appeals. Her most recent change of image came not from a new outfit, but by cutting off her luxuriant chestnut-brown hair. Part of her, she says, feels

French. One of her favourite fashion memories is "a week spent with my mother at the Plaza Athénée going round with her to see all the most amazing and wonderful French clothes. I was only about 11 or 12, and she bought me the most beautiful things. I've passed them on to my little half-sister."

Her father helped her through rep by reading parts with her. When they were physically much closer at the National Theatre, there was paradoxically little professional contact. He is now rather sad that she has given up acting "because the theatre means so much to him."

Asked whether she ever felt in the fashion shadow of her mother, she replied that her mother now lives in the country rather than in town.

But a little of the child Bedale's to undergraduate Cambridge spirit seems to have survived. A brief taste of life in Chelsea and now the immodest Gloucestershire countryside. But Jennifer chose for time or designers, buying her clothes when she finds something that appeals. Her most recent change of image came not from a new outfit, but by cutting off her luxuriant chestnut-brown hair. Part of her, she says, feels



Left: Jennifer Hall wears Kenzo's checked jacket, bright shirt and flared trousers (Kenzo, 13 South Molton Street and 47 Sloane Street). Above: Yves Saint Laurent's black suit with ruffled blouse from the Glucke, 133 New Bond Street and 2507 Broadway, New York. Below: Kenzo's big-shouldered shirt and wide-leg trousers (Kenzo, 13 South Molton Street).

## FASHION BOOKS Visual treats for Christmas

Fashion Drawing by Vogue (Thames and Hudson £20) is a big and beautiful book. Although Williams Packard's book is actually drawing, it is a book of fashion illustrations from this century. The book is a high quality, with 100 black and white illustrations of fashion designers and their work. The book is a high quality, with 100 black and white illustrations of fashion designers and their work. The book is a high quality, with 100 black and white illustrations of fashion designers and their work.



studies are portraits, like Bouché's 1961 drawing of Jacqueline Kennedy. In our own time, only the Spanish-born fashion illustrator Antonio has captured the sense of style which is vividly represented in the earlier work, right up to Eric's poignant studies of grand hats at the height of the war. (The search for artists in wartime encouraged Vogue to use the young Ruskin Spear). David Hockney writes an introduction and one displays his delicate drawing of Celia Birtwell in her own print dress as one of the many full colour pages.

● Twentieth Century British Jewellery: 1900-1980 by Peter Hinks (Faber and Faber £27.50) is a serious book written with the lightness of touch that makes it interesting for a general reader as well as indispensable for students of the craft of jewellery. The art and craft story is the tale that Peter Hinks has to tell, from the movement of that name in the early part of this century to the designer-craftsman revival of our own time.

His discussion of changing fashions in jewelry (lavishly illustrated in colour and black and white) becomes a study of particular jewellers, as the school output in the 1960s changes a new image. Mr Hinks, the head of jewelry at Sotheby's, is particularly interesting about the explosion of design talent in the liberated shapes and lines of jewelry.

The surreal and fantastic strains in modern jewelry are paralleled by the nouveau fascination with medievalism and mythology. Jokey and

## How to get ahead at Christmas parties

Get on dressed for a party starts the top this Christmas. Hair styling is the simplest way to ring the changes for seasonal celebrations from now through to the New Year, and pretty accessories quickly transform an everyday style into night-wear.

Combs, and bands decorated with real feathers, shimmering sequins and other festive glitter are available at Clive's Stafford's West End salon, and can be ordered to match a special outfit. Fenwick has a wide range of velvet bows, jewelled hair slides to help the festive spirit get a grip on you.

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hair smooth to handle and to prevent wispy ends escaping later on. Retro styles, like teased bobs and beehives, are sexy and fun for partying. If you have a fringe, get the drama up front by taking it up and back using gel, sweeping the sides away from the face. Try blow-drying hair from underneath, with head tilted forward to create height and movement. For short or long hair, styling is a key element in the festive look.

Christine Paine



Right: Soft roll knotted with unspun wool, seven colours in a kit, £5.95 from Molton Brown, 58 South Molton Street, W1; Harrods; Harvey Nichols; Liberty. Hair by Vicki, make-up by Elenka, both for Molton Brown. Photograph by NICK BRIGGS

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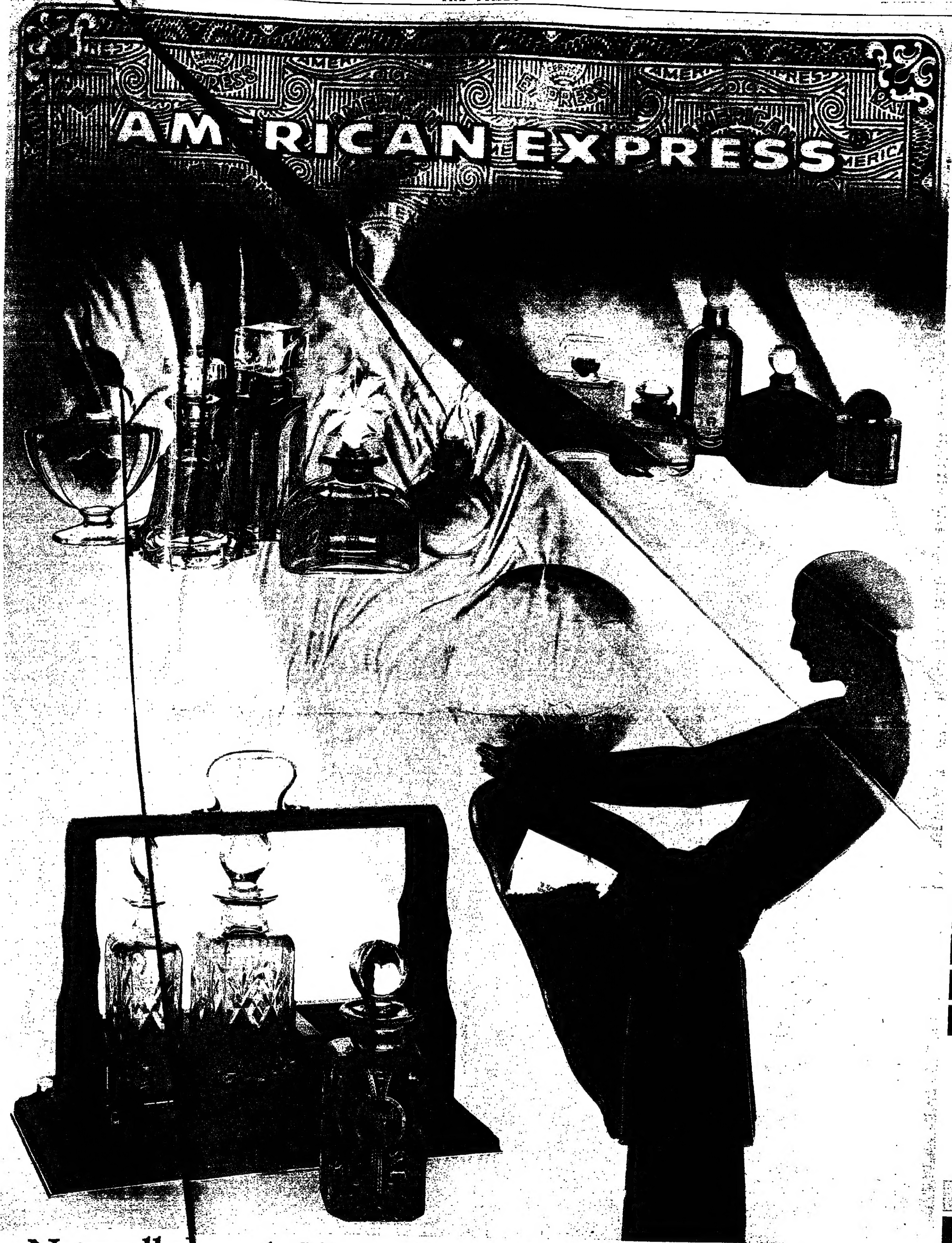
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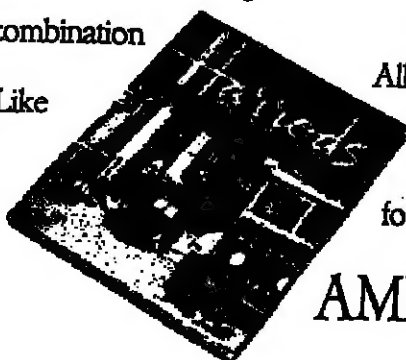
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## Sir Oswald and the Jews

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Miles Kington

On July 2, 1940, the founder of the British Union of Fascists, Sir Oswald Mosley, sat down before a government committee appointed to advise on his wartime internment and chaired by Norman Birkett (left). The record of the 16 hours of interrogation remained secret until yesterday, when it was released by the Public Record Office. In the following extract, Birkett began by asking about the BUF's attitude to Jews...

**MOSLEY:** We started in 1932 quite genuinely without any thought of the Jews, no more thinking of them than of the Irish. I had never come across it as a problem and most of our people had not. During those two years we were violently attacked by certain Jewish interests. Our people were persecuted. Our supporters were blackmailed by Jewish interests. I had never looked into the problem. I had at that time never been to Nazi Germany, but I was forced to regard the problem by the action which they took against us. There are many explanations for their action: they may have seen what was happening in Germany and feared we were going to do the same thing, but making all allowances, the fact is that it was their action against us which brought it to my notice and after one or two warnings I violently attacked them.

**BIRKETT:** On what grounds did you attack them?  
Their whole influence upon national life. I should have said that I had never looked into the problem in any shape or form. I always actually thought it was the work of cranks and always, although they were so opposed to us, I overlooked it and then I said "why are they so opposed to us?" We want to stop certain things. We want to stop international usury. We want to stop the whole money-lending racket. We do not like price cutting. Gradually it dawned upon me that certain people were very much engaged in these things. I was compelled to look at the Jewish problem by their opposition to us and, having looked at the Jewish problem, I developed what is called anti-semitism.

In what year did you first make your declaration against the Jews?  
October 1934, the Albert Hall meeting. I think it is about October 1934. It will be recorded in the general papers. I previously quarrelled that summer with Lord Rothermere because he saw this coming and he publicly demanded that I should adopt the Conservative policy and should not develop anti-semitism. We had correspondence which was published at the time on the subject, and my first initial attack on the Jews was October 1934. I had then never been in Germany except once when accompanying Mr Ramsay MacDonald in the spring of 1929, when I heard a funny man called Hitler had started a funny movement. I did not meet him.

You would appreciate that a policy of hostility to the Jews at a time when Jews were being oppressed in Germany

would not be very popular among humane people in this country? I think that anti-semitism here has grown colossally in the last few years. When we began it hardly existed.

Do you think the British Union fomented it?  
Yes, I think it is partly them, and partly us.

Again, part of the policy of the British Union is to stop all immigration, is it not?  
Stop all foreigners coming in, but gradually and humanely get rid of all foreigners who are here.

That is to say this country would no longer be, as it was in the old days, an asylum for the oppressed?  
Oh, certainly.

And those who were here would be expelled?  
Gradually.

And the Jews would be expelled too?  
Quite right.

Would they be allowed to take their possessions with them?  
Yes.

Even the "international racketeers" as they are termed?  
They would be subject, naturally, to inquiry. They would get it like anybody else.

They would come out of that inquiry very badly, would they not?  
Some, very badly.

And then they would not be allowed to take anything?  
But we apply the same rule to our own people.

The attitude of the British Union to the Jewish problem arose, I understand you to say, because they had attacked your meetings and you thereupon gave the problem some consideration?  
Not only attacked our meetings, but there was also the victimization of our people employed by Jews.

In what sense - in the "sweated" industries?  
Simply dismissed: a girl known to be a Blackshirt was dismissed.

By that time, 1934, the Jews in this country had seen how their co-religionists were being treated in Germany?  
Very likely that was so.

And they said, no doubt, "this Fascist Movement in Britain is the same type of movement existing in National Socialist Germany"?  
Yes.

You did adopt the Italian uniform, did you not?  
No. The coloured shirt? The uniform



actually was I think a mistake. It was an idiosyncrasy of my own: it was based on the fencing jacket, a sport of which I was very fond, and the Italian actually was quite different from our uniform but the colour was the same.

**Black?**  
Yes. We began with the grey shirt. I did not want to be like any foreign movement, and it did not succeed, people did not like it, and people wanted the black shirt, which was opposite to the red they were fighting.

May I say, on this question of uniform and what is called dressing up and all the nonsense as they call it, that the basic idea is to put over a new movement in a hurry, to do which you have to adopt completely new ideas. You have an apathetic public who are not prepared to notice anything new, and you have to wake them up and make them sit up. I do not suppose it would be believed for one moment, but I first had the idea of dramatizing politics not in Italy or Germany but in the town of Durham where I used to go every year when I was elected to speak to the Durham Miners' Gala. Every year a hundred thousand miners, I think, used to march into that town with their bunting and bits of colour, march in formation with as much spectacle as they could possibly manage. It then occurred to me: "Why do these people do that? It has obviously a profound psychological motive of some sort".

The answer was their lives are very dull, the British working class and lower middle class have very dull and drab lives, and I came to the conclusion that one of the reasons why the Labour Party was not succeeding was because they were even duller in their presentation of things than the masses to whom they were appealing. The one thing the masses wanted was dramatic colour, and all these silly things, if you like, which the cinema gives to them. I then decided to dramatize politics, and introduce the marching, the dressing up, the symbolism and all the rest of it.

It is suggested that there is reasonable ground for believing that Italian money came. What do you say with regard to that?

I say I do not for one moment believe that, and I cannot see why it should be suggested. I have, as I told you, divorced myself with very great care from the financial side. At the period in question, in particular this period, we quite obviously had the support of very big capitalists. I had not the least difficulty in raising large sums of money for the New Party.

That is to say there is the possibility that Italian money did come to the British Union of which you have no knowledge?

Obviously it is possible; but I will say this, that I have always throughout given instructions, or at least given my advice, that no money should ever be accepted except from British subjects, and provided it was given without condition.

Who would know if any money came from Italy?  
Any collector who had done it, I suppose, who had got it.

Did you discuss with your movement? the foundation of a No, not in any form. Was the question of general political talk party discussion seven or eight years ago. Oh, naturally, discussed the whole of the question with him since the movement was founded, certainly I discussed it, but I do not think there was any discussion on that point when I first met him, because I think it was before the movement was ever formed.

What is the explanation of the support of the British Union and its policy of other movements, by Mussolini against Abyssinia, by Hitler against Czechoslovakia and elsewhere?  
No, I do not support their movements.

Would many of your supporters actively assist Germany?  
No, I do not think so, certainly not.

I do not believe among my own supporters there are any at all who would even sympathize with Germany in a struggle against this country, let alone help her. After all, many of my people are in the forces.

Let me put a matter that may at first sight seem a little irrelevant. You need not trouble about it if it is, but there was a period when Lord Rothermere was giving you large sums of money, was there not?  
Yes, certainly.

Did they appear in your books?  
This is in confidence. He was one of the three people who insisted on subscribing through me; and Rothermere insisted on subscribing through me. One was a stockbroker, and the other was a Conservative MP whom I prefer not to mention.

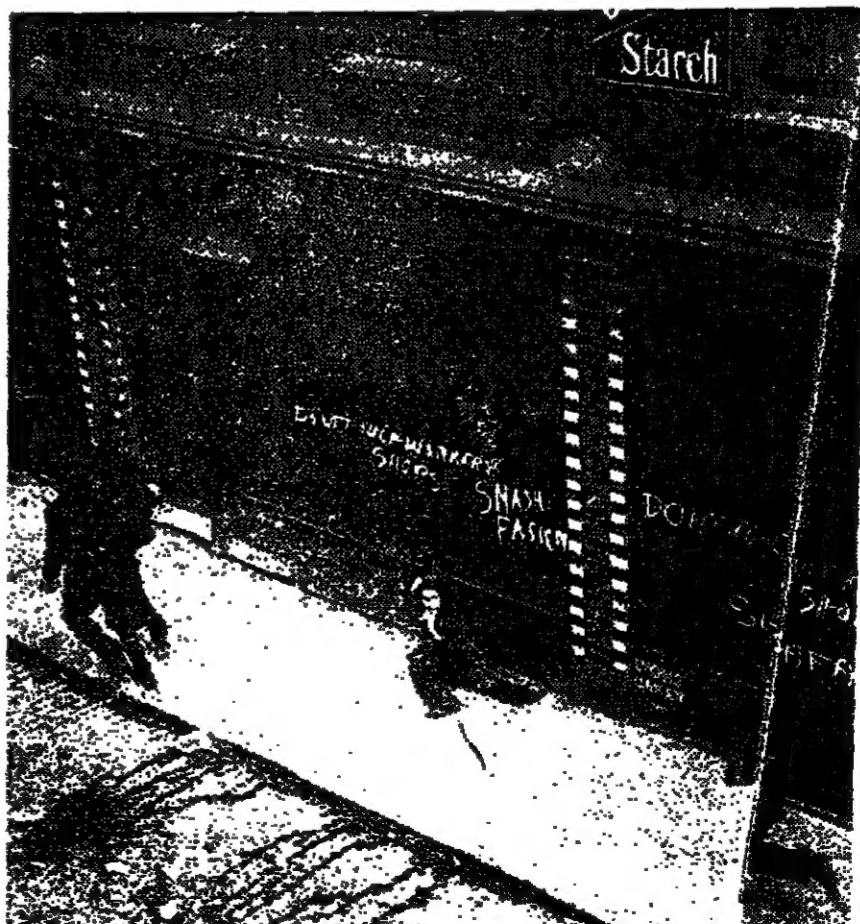
Did they go through the books?  
I think you would find them under the entry of a gift from me. Rothermere stipulated that the transaction should be done through me. When he did it that was the beginning of his relationship with us but whether he later gave large sums I do not know.

Going through the books, without any knowledge of Lord Rothermere's gift, nobody would be able to discover from the books that Lord Rothermere had been a contributor.  
No, certainly not.

Why?  
For reasons, I gathered, which I subsequently found to be true, that his advisers threatened to boycott him, and that was why the Daily Mail stopped backing us, and the Jewish advertisers, Lyons and those sort of people. He was frightened out of his wits, most of these businessmen were. For instance, Lord Nuffield, as was common knowledge in the early days of our party, gave us large sums of money, but he even went so far as to publish in the Jewish Chronicle that he was not supporting us because his cars would have been the subject of a boycott. I do not say that Nuffield supported us afterwards, but these men were at colossal pains to hide their connexion with the movement; in fact it was a joke among our people that lengths these people would go to conceal their connexion.

Why was that?  
Because he was at that time the most interesting man in the world.

● The article about Andre Prey announced yesterday, will appear at a later date.



Top: Police chasing demonstrators during the Cable Street riots between the anti-semitic Mosley fascists and their opponents. Above right: Lord Rothermere, donor of secret funds, with Hitler in 1937. Above right: Nuffield, another covert source of funds.

## The arts &amp; shock horror

Arts Round-Up: Tomorrow's Cultural Headlines Now!

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An enormous furor is building over a portrait of the Queen - commissioned by the Post Office.

The offending picture of Her Majesty appears on every stamp sold by the Post Office over 100,000 counters up and down the country. It shows her as a young girl with a dress almost off the shoulder, wearing a crown at a rather jaunty angle.

"It's an absolute travesty," says art expert Quentin Portfolio. "We all know that the Queen is in late middle age, with the dignified wrinkles and laugh-lines that that entails. Yet here she is, portrayed by some satirical upstart at the Post Office as a sort of Sloane Ranger off to the Hunt Ball for a spot of I-don't-know-what. I am absolutely horrified. And they've also missed the name of the country of the stamp, now that I look. Whatever next?"

The Palace has weathered the storm by claiming that they have not seen the offending stamp.

"Actually, we frank our outgoing mail here," said a spokesnob. "and incoming mail is taken out of its envelope before we see it. So I haven't the faintest idea what you're talking about. But rest assured, if we had something to say on the subject, we wouldn't say it."

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Jean 'ondel, the new smash musical at the Old National, is soon to move to the West End. That's the news from impresario Zinka Rodent, who is mercurially transferring the smash hit about the girl from America who toured Europe to Richard Gere-de-Lyon.

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Themed wing of CND has objected strenuously to the screening of *Heseline*, a horror movie which shows what would happen if Britain were taken over by a blond superman with staring eyes, according to *Heseline*, nobody's mind would be left unscathed by the perience and most of the population would be left zombies.

"*Heseline* is just a fictional character," says an IBA spokesbore. "He couldn't appear in real life. So nuts to you, ND."

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Mr Seberg, the smash hit musical on in the West End, is soon to move to the Peter Hall Theatre, says impresario Zinka Rodent. The show tells the story of the 10,000 people who wrote every year to the actress in Paris but never got an answer. The music is by Marvo Hamburger, who wrote Scott Joplin's *The Entertainer*.

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Is *I Liked Chinese Music* a fake? That's the question bothering a lot of people who have read the biography of Harold Holt, well-known classical impresario. The book claims that Holt has been in the pay of the Chinese all along, to infiltrate Chinese music into the Wigmore Hall. But no Chinese music has ever been played there, say the detractors. "True," says author Anthony Grey. "But you've got to remember that Harold Holt was a damned bad Chinese agent."

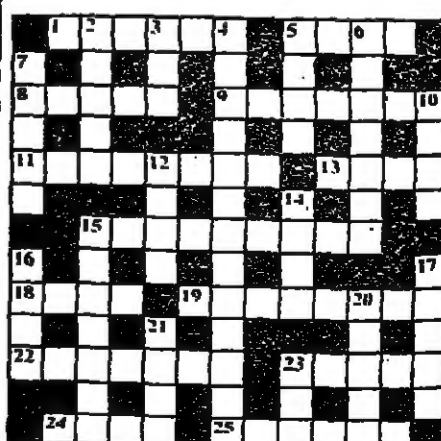
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Bob Fosse's *Transferrin*, the red-hot musical about a chorus line that could not make it on Broadway, is believed to be going on an out-of-town tour prior to its disappearance. "If you say that in print," says impresario Zinka Rodent, "I'll sue *The Times* for every penny it's got."

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That's all for now, folks. More news about the arts later if there ever is any news about the arts.

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## AN OCCASIONAL COMMENTARY ON CHRISTMAS SHOPPING

Yes, Henry, I know I said I was going to a maudlin. I changed my mind, went to Fortnum's instead and stocked up for Christmas. Now that's what I call entertainment. Just look at all these fabulous things.

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## THE GULF JUGULAR

Yesterday's six explosions in Kuwait are horrifying enough in themselves, but the casualties they caused seem, in comparison to those of similar recent events in Lebanon, to have been almost mercifully light. In the circumstances the fact that they happened is less significant than the place where they happened. The primary message intended is clearly that, so long as the United States and France pursue their present policies in the Middle East, their representatives cannot expect to be safe anywhere in the area. The secondary message is that other Arab states beside Lebanon are vulnerable to terrorism and destabilization if they associate themselves with policies of which the perpetrators disapprove. A third message, if needed, might be that the West as a whole is vulnerable to events in the Persian Gulf. Indeed, its interests are much more directly and obviously at stake there than they are in Lebanon.

It is by now generally accepted that the suicide bombings in Lebanon - against the American embassy in Beirut last April, against the American and French contingents of the multinational force in October, and against the Israeli headquarters in Tyre on November 4 - are the work of Shiite extremists, inspired if not directly instigated by revolutionary Iran. A degree of Syrian complicity is widely assumed but not definitely proven.

The attack on the American embassy in Kuwait was a suicide bombing, the other five incidents yesterday apparently not. There is perhaps a crumb of encouragement to be found there in as much as it suggests the supply of candidates for martyrdom is not absolutely unlimited. But one is enough to establish a strong presumption of some connexion between these events and those in Lebanon. On the other hand, in Kuwait the presumption of Syrian involvement is less strong (though there is certainly no reason to rule it out), while the Iranian connexion is much more obvious.

Kuwait needs no reminder of its vulnerability. In 1961 it narrowly, with some British help, escaped being swallowed by

Iraq, which regarded it much as Spain does Gibraltar, China Hongkong, or Guatemala Belize. Later Iraq renounced its claim to Kuwait proper, but there is still a dispute about the island of Bubiyan. Kuwait's rulers retain a sense of existing on sufferance. They have maintained their independence by observing scrupulously correct relations with Iraq, while cultivating as wide as possible a circle of friends so as to be sure of very strong diplomatic support in the event of any renewed Iraqi threat. Alone of the Arab Gulf states (excluding Iraq itself), Kuwait has diplomatic relations with the Soviet Union.

The outbreak of war between Iraq and Iran three years ago put Kuwait in an invidious position, to say the least. Kuwait has a land frontier with Iraq but is separated by only twenty miles or so of water from Iran. Prudence and Arab solidarity alike dictated a pro-Iraqi stand, but Kuwait certainly had no interest in becoming a co-belligerent against Iran. Lest she were in danger of forgetting this, occasional Iranian air strikes have been carried out, "by mistake", against her territory. And in addition to this straightforward military threat there is the internal one posed by the presence in Kuwait of a substantial Shiite population, with a propensity to display pin-ups of Ayatollah Khomeini in its houses and shops.

No one could accuse the Kuwaiti authorities of being impervious to this danger. They have been on the watch for any hint that Shiite religious feeling is turning into disloyalty to the (Sunni) ruling family. Where such hints have been detected, they have been promptly and severely dealt with. Likewise illegal immigrants from Iran, arriving by boat under cover of darkness, have, when caught, been promptly sent back. The existence of an underground, presumably Shiite, capable of mounting spectacular bomb attacks simultaneously in different parts of the city-state, must therefore have come as a severe shock. One response, that is clearly called for, is an overhaul of Kuwait's police and intelligence

services. Perhaps friendly powers with experience in dealing with terrorism - Britain in particular - could give some help.

Beyond this, the explosions in Kuwait remind us of the ever-present danger that the Iran-Iraq conflict may spread to the rest of the Gulf. There can be little doubt that the coupling of French with American targets has to do less with the role France is playing in Lebanon than with France's open partisanship on the side of Iraq, as well as her sponsorship of Iranian exile groups. Iran's most immediate fear, well publicised, is that Iraq will use French-supplied weapons to cut off Iran's oil exports through the Gulf (as Iran has long since done to Iraq's). Iran has threatened, should this happen, to see to it that no oil gets out of the Gulf from any source. This could be achieved, presumably, either by using Iranian airpower against oil installations in the Arab Gulf states or by blockading the Strait of Hormuz.

The present relative oil glut has made us a little blasé about such threats. Most industrial countries now have considerable reserve stocks of oil, and could no doubt weather a short interruption of Gulf supplies. But if the interruption were complete, and even assuming that non-Gulf producers increased their exports by four million barrels per day to make up part of the loss, it has been calculated there would be a shortfall of 4.8m barrels per day, equivalent to 11 or 12 per cent of present Free World demand - a much higher percentage than in the two previous oil crises of 1973 and 1979. Even if this had happened in 1982, when the oil market was much more acutely overstocked than it is now, it would have sent the price of crude up to \$68 per barrel.

The threat posed by Iran is not to be taken lightly. The West has to be ready to meet it militarily if it comes to that. But the military scenario brings new and alarming risks with it. No diplomatic avenue for lowering tension in the area should be neglected. Things are not so bad, particularly in the Gulf, that they cannot still get a great deal worse.

## GIFT HORSE ON THE ROCK

Consultations between HMG and the Gibraltar Government on measures needed to support and sustain the Rock's economy with a closed dockyard and a closed frontier were concluded at the end of July. They were based upon detailed studies carried out on the spot and in depth by independent consultants funded by Britain. Two broad options emerged: the yard could either be handed over to the Gibraltar Government who would install a commercial operator to manage it, or it could stay under Ministry of Defence management, undertaking commercial work to pay for its retention. Under either option the yard would be available to the Navy for emergency repair work. Mrs Thatcher decided on the former for sound political, military and commercial reasons: the Gibraltar Government had hoped for the latter because it was less risky and would be more acceptable to the local unions (the majority of the work force belong to the TGWU). Nevertheless, the Gibraltar Government accepted the conversion package offered by HMG because its terms were both generous and sensible, and it knew its preferred solution was unacceptable in Whitehall.

The package is generous in that it will cost the British taxpayer more than £50m (Chatham and Portsmouth got nothing); and it is sensible because an extra year has been allowed for the conversion of the yard, and a three year refit programme of Royal Fleet Auxiliaries is to be provided to help the work force familiarize themselves with commercial work. The £50m is made up of £28m for modification of the yard's facilities and to underwrite losses for the first two years; £14m for the RFA refit programme; and the rest will be spent on moving defence installations off two valuable sites in the city to help in the development of the Rock's

tourism industry. The money is, however, dependent upon the work force accepting commercial working practices without which the yard could not be successful in the fiercely competitive ship repair world.

However, the local unions, aided and abetted by the TGWU in London, are refusing to accept commercial management and working practices. There are undoubtedly risks in trying to break into the ship-repair market when work shipping is in the doldrums at the Gibraltar yard has a great deal going for it. It is compact and economic to operate; it lies at the intersection of the world's north-south and east-west shipping lanes and at the entrance to the Mediterranean; and its work force is highly skilled and more disciplined than its local competitors. Given good management, a work force determined to achieve a competitive edge and naval work to cushion the transitional period, the risks are not judged by experts to be unreasonable. Indeed, the thing could be fortuitously advantageous. Work on conversion of the yard should go a long way in mopping up the current unemployment among construction workers in Gibraltar; and it should be completed just as the yard's economy improves the ship-repair market.

Those who are advising the Gibraltar Trade Council to resist commercialization, and the members of that Council should ask themselves whether they are being responsible. Under Mrs Thatcher the decision to close the dockyard will certainly not be reversed (the Gibraltar Government has done surprisingly well in a year's reprieve); and the intention of Royal Naval management is equally unlikely (it would destroy any possibility of the yard becoming commercially viable in the longer term). Unfortunately, the Rock's

economy into other fields, like tourism, which have been closely studied, is impracticable as long as the frontier remains closed to tourists and vehicles. The hard fact is that there is no viable alternative. The five year conversion programme does reduce the risks of commercialization and provides opportunities for the Gibraltarians which would not have been nearly so generous if the frontier had been fully open. They would have been treated no differently from other British naval dockyard towns.

The Gibraltar dockyard package honours Britain's commitment to sustain and support the Rock's economy for as long as Spanish restrictions last. It is the Gibraltarians' right to accept or reject it; but it must be said that much of the support that Gibraltar has always enjoyed on both sides of the House and in the country could evaporate if the package founders upon union intransigence. The Trades Council are making a grave mistake if they are pinning their hopes upon the strategic importance of the yard to Britain and NATO: it is only a desirable and not a militarily vital asset to the West. Spanish and Portuguese yards would be delighted to see a potential competitor eliminated.

Sir Joshua Hassan's Government completes its four year term of office after Christmas. A general election is due between February and May 1984. The sooner the issue is put before the people of Gibraltar the better. The Rock is their home and it is up to them to decide between their Government's acceptance and the unions' rejection of the package. The British Government would, however, be wise to set a time limit on its offer. Some indication of the impatience will be evident today with the announcement of the first steps towards the dockyard's closure. The local unions, and the TGWU, cannot say they have not been warned.

## Unacceptable face

From Dr E. Clifford-Jones  
Sir, When I retired from my post as consultant in the NHS, I resolved not to write to papers, but I am now impelled to break this decision. I have been settled in this area for some three months after many years' residence in Devon. As a Disraelian Tory, I find it odd that this Government should have

placed the Newcastle Council in the position of deciding a rate rise of 40 per cent on rates already almost airborne, alternatively cutting services by the loss of 1,300 jobs. I have to tell you that the services here will run on a little evidence of waste, and the steps are taken to keep the public informed. Finally, as a stranger to the area, I

have discovered that the overall impression may be summed up with a word in little usage by this present Government: I mean, of course, compassion. Yours faithfully, E. CLIFFORD-JONES, 25 South Ridge, Brunton Park, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne. December 9.

## NGA action boost to other media

From Mr Derek Nathan  
Sir, I have been a devoted reader of *The Times* for many years and felt very deprived during the recent long period when it was not on sale.

Now, however, I have a television set equipped with CeeFax and also a video tape recorder (VTR), and somehow the prospect of prolonged action by the NGA does not worry me as much as it used to. My situation is no doubt mirrored up and down the country, which boasts the highest ownership per head of VTRs in the world. It seems to me that the movement towards electronic information and opinion dissemination will be accelerated greatly should the NGA take national action. The electronic revolution is proceeding at a spanking pace without the additional boost that it would receive from this action.

I have been associated with the print trade for many years and politically I am left of centre. The NGA have my sympathy, but I think their strategy is disastrous. Can the NGA leaders be so short sighted as to fail to realise that, whatever the merits of their case, a national strike at this point in the development of the media would knock the final support from under their precarious structure? Yours faithfully, DEREK M. NATHAN, 7 Cromford Way, New Malden, Surrey. December 9.

## Importance of Delhi

From Dr J. Elfenbein  
Sir, General Zia ul-Haq, like Martin King, has long had a dream - to sit down to tea with the Queen and thereby enhance his own personal prestige as well as that of the military government in Pakistan which he heads.

Someone should explain to Messrs Smith et al (December 5) that, far from accelerating a return to democracy there, the readmission of Pakistan to the Commonwealth now would have the effect of setting a sort of seal on its present government and would certainly strengthen it. That may indeed be desirable, but it has nothing to do with democracy. Messrs Smith et al also conveniently forget that it was Bhutto's government, whatever its merits or demerits without doubt the most popular and democratic government Pakistan has ever had, which chose voluntarily to leave the Commonwealth in 1973.

As for a plebiscite in Kashmir, that is precisely the issue which resolved Mrs Gandhi in 1981 to let it be known that she would veto any Pakistani application for reaccession to the Commonwealth. You cannot have it both ways and Mr Smith and his friends must really begin to do some homework. Yours faithfully, J. ELFENBEIN, Churchhill College, Cambridge. December 5.

## MPs in the public eye

From Mr John Stokes, MP for Halesowen and Stourbridge (Conservative)

Sir, The article by Mr Austin Mitchell, MP, in today's *Times* (December 8) on television's treatment of the House of Commons is a masterpiece of understatement. It is a pity that a vote was taken in a full House.

The entry of the camera into the Chamber would utterly ruin the atmosphere there. Instead of the cut and thrust of intimate debate members would be conscious that they were speaking to the nation at large.

Also, as television has to entertain, the cameras would be bound to seize on the trivial incidents, rather than the ordinary work of every day, and thus give a quite untrue picture of the whole. Members would be tempted to speak more often and at greater length to make sure that their constituents saw they were at work.

Idiosyncrasies of manner or dress, male or female, would not go unnoticed. The prime donors among us would play even more to the gallery. I believe television in the Commons could turn out to be a nightmare.

It would be quite different with the Lords - the measured tones of their speeches which already come over so well in broadcasting would be enhanced by the splendour and dignity of the Chamber. Furthermore, they do not have any constituents to please. Yours faithfully, JOHN STOKES, House of Commons. December 8.

## Missile strategy

From Mr Christopher Meredith

Sir, Mr Brian Crozier's reply (December 1) to Mr David Watt's refreshingly realistic article, "The missile strategy that could misfire" (November 18) is mistaken or misleading in several important respects.

It is demonstrably untrue that Soviet SS20s "are capable of destroying all Nato targets in one single strike". With an accuracy estimated at 400 to 750 metres (depending on whether it is fired from fully prepared permanent sites or from makeshift sites to which it might be moved in an emergency) the SS20 is in no way a "first strike weapon" capable of destroying Nato missiles in their hardened silos, protected communication and command centres, or other key military targets. In this vital respect it is at least 10 years behind the new American missiles - with accuracies estimated to around 50 metres or better, cruise and Pershing 2 missiles do possess a first strike capability.

## Airbus pointer to future profit

From the President of the Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd

Sir, Must we catch the Airbus, asks Lord Bruce-Gardyne in *The Times* last Wednesday (December 7) and then goes on to castigate the whole idea of so doing. The short answer to the question from those of us who want to see Britain's aerospace industry prosper is "Yes".

Britain and France can now challenge the US dominance in the western world. The industry's contribution to the country's balance of trade has been enormous - with exports in excess of £20bn over the last decade (at 1980 prices).

The Prime Minister has said "the importance of the British aerospace industry to our economy cannot be overestimated". She is right. Aerospace is a high technology, high value added, and manpower intensive industry. It is through the exploitation of high technology that Britain's hopes for the future lie.

Developing countries all over the world are rapidly moving into low technology fields to compete with us in our traditional markets. Many countries which, until a few years ago, had no aerospace capability have begun to make rapid headway in this industry.

It is in the high technology sphere that Britain, France and the United States have established a marked superiority. Surely, Lord Bruce-Gardyne cannot be suggesting that Britain should relinquish the lead which we now share, just when we have the opportunity to build on success and to press our advantage.

The A320 project provides us with such an opportunity. It bears no comparison to Concorde either in technological difficulty or in expense. The launch costs are spread over a number of years.

Airbus Industrie has produced two fine airliners - the A300 and the smaller A310. These aircraft have established a worldwide reputation

for reliability and are popular with the travelling public. Together they have challenged the United States industry's monopoly as the supplier of large civil aircraft, a monopoly now increasingly concentrated on the Boeing Company, which cannot be to the advantage of the airlines or of the travelling public.

The A320, an aircraft in the 150-seat class and smaller than the A300 and A310, is a natural step to broaden the company's product base. Some 4,000 airliners will be needed between now and 1995; the market should be dominated by Boeing and Airbus. The latter needs to sell only some 400 A320 aircraft to break even - this is not an impossible target.

Now is therefore the time for strong leadership. Britain's stake in Europe's Airbus is important, not only to British Aerospace PLC, but also to Rolls-Royce and to many aerospace equipment companies in the UK whose future - and therefore their ability to employ people - is dependent on the programme.

Do we invest in aerospace and high technology for the future? Or are we really to abandon our high technological heritage and the ability it gives us to increase our national wealth? Must we become dependent on the service industries alone?

A320 is a challenge which industry is prepared to take and in which we are prepared to invest. We need some Government support to pay a dividend to the taxpayer. Surely we - Government and industry together - must face this challenge.

Yours faithfully, PETER BATES, President, The Society of British Aerospace Companies Ltd, 29 King Street, St James's, SW1. December 12.

## Case for tax cuts

From Mrs Cynthia MacCoby

Sir, Tim Congdon argues ("Economic commentary", December 1) that as long as the Government takes 42 per cent of GDP, claims on resources necessary to produce this amount must be removed from the private sector. He believes that if this is not done openly and honestly by taxation it will be done secretly and dishonestly through inflation, since borrowing from the banking system by the Government leads to an increase in the money stock and hence, he alleges, inevitably to an increase in inflation.

This, by reducing the value of assets lent by the private sector to the Government, acts as a hidden tax. The only alternative, he asserts, is to drive up interest rates through sales of Government bonds; so "crowding out" the private sector investment.

This may be true when the GDP represents the production possibility limit of resources, ie, when there is full employment and all resources are being used, so that Government claims have to be reduced if private sector claims are to be increased. But that GDP at present is at this level is an assumption made by Tim Congdon which he does not attempt to justify, despite the evidence of widespread unemployment of both human beings and machinery at the present time.

## Going it alone

From Group Captain P. W. Johnson

Sir, Mr Michael Heseltine, in his interview about cruise (feature, December 2), averred that "the important thing is what you do in the event of nuclear blackmail". You have, he believes, to "deter at any level of threat".

Mr Enoch Powell (article, December 3) writes that Britain has not yet come to terms with the modern facts of geopolitics. He quotes our two mainstays, the American and the European, which prevent us from perceiving the world from our own standpoint and not from that of others.

If we put these two reasonable premises together, we should start looking at the world from a purely British standpoint and defending ourselves from the level of threat we saw. We should quickly discover that there is no perceivable threat to, or likelihood of nuclear blackmail of Britain as a separate entity, independent of the European and American commitments we now undertake.

Such a view would bring us naturally to consider an orientation of military non-alignment, outside the military confrontation of the two superpowers. Britain, no longer a great world power, but strongly defended in her own homeland, would then be reasonably safe from involvement in other people's quarrels.

This standpoint is a long way

indeed from that of CND about which you were commenting in your leading article of December 5. It seems tragic indeed, however, that the deciding argument you mount against an armed neutrality "as applied by Sweden and Finland" is the implication that British society either could or would not undertake "the total commitment by every citizen to the nation's security" which you rightly say would be involved.

I believe that the British, if offered this task, would accept it as willingly under modern conditions of "peace" as they have previously done in war. Yours faithfully, P. W. JOHNSON, Middle Corner Cottage, Hempton, Doughton, Oxford. December 6.

## Casting a cold eye

From Mrs Christine Percival

Sir, A propos Mr Levin's article of December 9, he should have had the nous to repair to a nearby pub, from where we were afforded an excellent view of the rest of the audience freezing to death on the pavement for over an hour.

Yours faithfully, CHRISTINE PERCIVAL, Mayfield, Crown Lane, Farnham Royal, Buckinghamshire. December 10.

## Archive service in uncertainty

From Mr H. Speak

Sir, I would like to add to the letter in your paper on December 6 expressing concern for the future of the Greater London Record Office, as yet undefined in the White Paper *Streamlining the Cities*.

In West Yorkshire the future of our archive service is less certain. In 1974 many people like myself, with a lifelong interest in local history and the preservation of local records, were pleased when the West Yorkshire Metropolitan County Council established a county archive service with good conservation facilities to supplement existing services started by some of the former county boroughs.

In 1982, on the initiative of the county council, the West Yorkshire Archive Service was set up. This is a joint service administered by a committee representing the county council and the five district councils.

This service includes large collections of official records relating to the whole of the former West Riding, dating from the early seventeenth century. It also administers the fine collections of the Yorkshire Archaeological Society in Leeds, many of which are rich in medieval Yorkshire records.

Regular users of this service, like myself, would like to see this new joint service developed to deal with the large amount of rescue and other archive work waiting to be done in this county. The White Paper proposes that when the metropolitan county councils are abolished in 1986, archive powers will pass to the district councils, who are asked to cooperate to run archive services and see that historic collections are not broken up.

In our joint service in West Yorkshire we have the framework for this cooperation; but without the county council, which now pays for over half the cost of the service and for all development, the district councils may not be able to maintain or develop it. The creation of so many separate joint boards for other county services, such as police, each with the power to levy a separate rate, is going to increase the cost of these services.

If overall local authority spending is controlled by the Government, as is proposed, this can only mean that other statutory district services, such as education, will suffer. In this context minor services, such as archives, which are now used and valued by a growing number of people, will be very vulnerable. Yours faithfully, H. SPEAK, 483 Leeds Road, Outwood, Wakefield. December 9.

## Calke Abbey

From Mr M. S. Pearce

Sir, It does seem very short sighted of the Government to persist in declining the generous offer of Mr Henry Harpur-Crewe to give Calke Abbey, and the land which supports it, to the nation.

Twenty years ago Mr Lewis Wallace offered The Grange, Northampton, to the nation and it was declined. In 1975 it was taken into guardianship by the Department of the Environment after the contents had been dispersed and the interiors destroyed.

Restoration of the remaining empty shell has just been completed by the department at a cost of some £500,000. Do we never learn? Yours faithfully, MICHAEL PEARCE, Chairman, Association of Conservation Officers, c/o The Castle, Winchester, Hampshire. December 8.

## Church and remarriage

From the Venerable Dr R. D. Daunt-Fear

Sir, May we ask why, in all the discussions about the remarriage of divorcees in the Church of England, has not greater consideration been given to granting decrees of nullity of marriage?

This would bring the Church of England in line with other ancient churches. It would also satisfy the conscience of many faithful clergy and laity. It would be more readily understood and allow for the Church's liturgy to be used.

It would not involve more elaborate ecclesiastical machinery than the present proposals. Yours faithfully, R. D. DAUNT-FEAR, Norwood, 22 Penwinnick Road, St Austell, Cornwall. December 5.

## A matter of title

From Dr Geoffrey Marshall

Sir, The Chairman of the Social Science Research Council says (December 9) that readers of *The Times* may like to know that he is going to concentrate on getting on with his job after changing the name of the Council. I expect that readers of *The Times* will be much relieved. But they may well wonder what was stopping him and his colleagues from concentrating on getting on with their jobs without changing the name of the council.

Since "Economic and Social Research Council" is an obvious solecism, and since there is no reason why the Social Science Research Council (or even the Privy Council) should dictate to social scientists what names or titles we use, let us simply ignore the council's faddish preferences and go on calling it the SSRC. There are more of us than them. Yours faithfully, GEOFFREY MARSHALL, The Queen's College, Oxford. December 9.







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## FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

# GEC brings down less from the mountain

Lord Weinstock and Sir Kenneth Bond, the presiding pillars of GEC, can control many things, but they include neither interest rates, nor the foreign exchange value of sterling, nor (entirely) the forecast of brokers' analysts. It is hard to understand why stock market soothsayers forecast, with almost deadly accuracy GEC's trading results for the six months to September 30 and yet failed to get anywhere near GEC's investment income for the same period.

This is doubly unfortunate: it proves, yet again, how far off beam even the most informed forecasts can turn out and as brokers' forecasts tend now to be the yardstick by which the market judges actual performance, share price movements, after the actual figures have been issued, may not be soundly based.

Not unreasonably, senior managers who have worked their insides out to produce good figures can feel bitter and twisted when mistaken City Cassandrae seem to have more influence in the market than the results themselves.

GEC's pretax profits for the first half-year are down from £291m to £285m. Though the interim dividend is raised from a penny to 1.15p a share, the shares immediately fell 19p, before closing 17p lower at 176p - a mere 2p above their year's low.

Profits from trading went up by £17m, a fair performance marred only by lower levels of deliveries of power-generation equipment (large steam and gas turbines) and of telecommunications equipment.

Deliveries of System X equipment to British Telecom should soon begin to make the running and, although the results will not be seen in the current year, GEC has picked up £50m worth of orders for power-generation equipment in the last few weeks.

The half-year figures are down simply because income earned on GEC's fabulous "cash mountain" is £23m lower than at September 30 last year. The mountain then yielded a return of 18 per cent.

This year so far, not only have interest rates fallen but the profit of converting dollar balances into sterling has shrunk. The return has been halved. By the end of GEC's 1982-83 financial year, the credit for currency conversion had grown to £32m.

The 1984 year-end figure will be nothing like that, but it should be better than the half-year figure might suggest.

Looking at the game at half-time, GEC is one-nil down and probably heading for a draw. As usual it is tight-lipped about what, if anything, it might do with all that cash (£1,477m at the last count), other than to continue to make the best return in the world's money and bond markets.

## Eagle Star penny bazaar

The auction of Eagle Star is in danger of becoming a farce - a fate that no company of any status deserves. A mixture of pride and prejudice is threatening to take over.

The West German company Allianz Versicherungs, which has 30 per cent of Eagle Star and wanted to own 40 per cent, ought to recognize that it is not going to prevail over the rival bidder, BAT Industries.

By sensibly withdrawing it would earn points, a huge profit on its Eagle Star shares and stand a fair chance if it came back with an offer for another British company. Its merchant banking advisers, Morgan Grenfell, would no doubt be pleased to act as an intermediary if Allianz revived its interest in Cornhill, which now resides in the BTR camp.

That, however, is not a line that yet commends itself to the proud and determined Allianz chairman, Dr Wolfgang Schieren. The Allianz management board meets in Munich today to approve lifting its bid to 661p a share - just 1p more than the BAT offer. It will be doing this in order to comply with a Takeover Panel ruling yesterday that Allianz must meet a promise to top BAT's terms.

It is a technical move designed to put off the final decision making for as long as possible and does nothing for the German reputation for decisiveness. Both BAT and Allianz must make their final offer by

December 30 under City takeover rules. Both sides can play the same game, each jostling for position by raising their bids by 1p. That would be ludicrous.

BAT's merchant bank advisers, Lazard Brothers, intends to protest about Allianz's expected 661p a share bid in the strongest possible terms. It argues that the new bid will breach general principle No 5 of the Takeover Code, which says that any bidder must do its utmost to avoid creating a false market in the target company's shares.

There is growing pressure within the Allianz management board of the company to take its profit, with the "worker" members of the supervisory board (half its membership) wanting to see the money reinvested in Germany.

Moreover, Dr Schieren is said to be about to lose one of his most avid supporters - his finance manager, Dr Marcus Bierich. Dr Bierich has been a key, and constructive, figure in the sometimes bitter discussions between Allianz and Eagle over the past two years but he may be off to succeed Professor Hans Merkle, the grand old man of German industry, as head of the giant Bosch motor component group.

The Takeover Panel yesterday told Morgan Grenfell that it expected a full offer document by the end of the week.

Sensing that the action may end before the penny farce begins Eagle's share price yesterday dropped 15p to 697p.

# Pound falls to record low as dollar's surge continues

By Peter Wilson-Smith, Banking Correspondent, and Bailey Morris, Washington

Sterling fell further against the dollar yesterday as the United States currency forged ahead in the foreign exchange markets.

The pound remained fairly firm against other currencies, which also suffered from the apparently insatiable demand for dollars. At one point, sterling hit \$1.4285 before recovering slightly, but finished the day at \$1.4310, a record closing low and down 45 points from Friday.

Its trade-weighted value was only 0.1 lower on the day at 82.5 as it closed a shade firmer against the French franc but slightly easier against the German mark and the yen.

Foreign exchange markets reacted early in the day to the bombing in Kuwait by pushing the dollar ahead. The continuing worries about the United States budget deficit, the rapid

recovery in the economy and the impact these could have on American interest rates also lent support to the dollar, which broke new ground against both the mark and French franc.

Intervention by the German central bank as the dollar tested DM 2.7550 helped to stem its surge during the morning, but it still closed in London over ½ pence higher at DM 2.7540.

One dealer said yesterday: "It's difficult to see anything happening between now and the end of December which will weaken the dollar."

Another added: "Whichever way you turn it's very difficult to sell the dollar."

Although central bankers appear concerned about the continuing strength of the dollar, there is no sign that concerted intervention on the foreign exchanges is planned to try to prevent it rising.

Meanwhile, a Republican from Kansas openly defied the Reagan Administration yesterday by holding a series of Congressional hearings designed to focus national attention on the soaring budget deficits he fears will destroy the US recovery.

The three days of special hearings before Mr Robert Dole's Finance Committee opened as analysts predicted the dollar would continue to surge, largely because of the huge budget deficits which are fueling high interest rates.

White House officials had urged Mr Dole to put off the hearings until next year when the Administration will unveil its 1985 budget, which reportedly projects a deficit even higher than has been expected.

Privately, some of Mr Reagan's closest advisors have admitted that they now regard

the rising deficit of \$200 billion and more as Mr Reagan's economic Achilles' heel. The White House strategy has been to blame the deficits on free-spending Democrats in Congress.

But the strategy has begun to backfire as the national debate over the deficit grows more intense and powerful Republicans like Mr Dole insist on forcing the Administration to share the blame.

Mr Dole had urged the President to put aside party differences and approve a programme of modest tax increases and additional spending cuts before Congress recessed on 18 November for the year.

But Mr Reagan remained firm in his opposition to tax increases and restated his belief that the deficit problem will be cured by a stronger-than-expected recovery.

## Grim forecast on UK oil income

By Jonathan Davis, Financial Correspondent

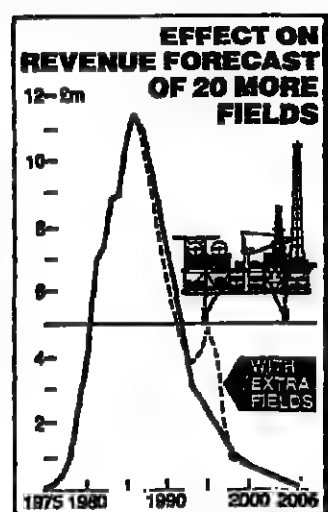
A savage decline in the Government's North Sea oil revenues in the 1990s looks inevitable, according to a critical report on oil taxation policy published yesterday by the independent Institute of Fiscal Studies.

If oil prices rise in line with inflation for the rest of this century, the Government's income from all commercial fields in the North Sea will decline from a peak of £11,000m in 1987 to less than £1,000m in the year 2000, the institute calculates.

This compares with the £8,000m to £9,000m that the Government will receive this financial year, and it reflects the sharp fall in output from the prolific early discoveries in the North Sea which had always been expected from 1990 onwards.

The institute adds that even big rises in oil prices or a sudden spate of new field developments is unlikely to have much effect on the steady revenue decline.

The study estimates that oil prices would have to rise in real



terms by 6 per cent a year - or by 51 per cent over the next seven years - if revenues were to be maintained above £10,000m a year until 1990.

To keep revenues at this level until 1994 would require prices to increase annually at more than 9 per cent above the rate of inflation. So they would have to double in real terms over the next 11 years.

Such increases would give a

powerful boost to the development of new fields but they are extremely unlikely and would, in any case, cause such damage to the economy that they would outweigh the Government's need for revenues, according to authors, Mr Mike Devereux and Mr Nick Morris, research officers at the institute.

Because future fields will be much smaller and more economically marginal than the original discoveries, even the development of 20 new fields would have only a marginal impact on Government revenues this century.

The institute supports this gloomy prognosis with some criticisms of the way in which oil taxation has developed in this country. It says that the system has hit small marginal fields much harder than the more profitable developments.

The report proposes that the present system should be replaced by a simple system based on profitability and cash flow, rather than revenues.

North Sea Oil Taxation, by M. P. Devereux and C. N. Morris, Institute of Fiscal Studies, Woodhead Faulkner (Publishers) Ltd, Cambridge. Price £6.

## Amex faces profit fall of \$50m

By Philip Robinson

Net profits of American Express will fall by about \$50m (£35m) to \$531m this year, making it the first profits drop for a decade. It follows a \$230m injection of cash into its property liability insurance arm, Fireman's Fund.

A shake-up of top management at the Fireman's Fund was also announced last night.

American Express is one of the world's largest travel and financial services groups. It takes in international banking services, insurance, investment advice and the famous charge card used by 15 million holders.

Increased and higher claims mean that its Fireman's Fund subsidiary will make a loss in the final quarter of the year, although it will be profitable for the year as a whole.

In New York, American Express share price hit a low for the year of \$28½ per share. The price has come down this year from almost \$30 a share.

The problems have been caused by additional reserves being needed for meeting claims on workers' compensation and property liability.

Last October American Express reported a less than 11 per cent increase in third-quarter earnings as a result of a 25 per cent drop in the earnings of its insurance subsidiary.

Earlier this month it announced 10 per cent job cuts among 13,000 workers at Fireman's Fund. The group said 300 jobs in the property liability operations were being cut immediately and a further 1,200 jobs would go next year. In the third-quarter Fireman's Fund earnings fell to \$46m.

As a result, net income for American Express is expected to fall sharply from \$581m.

Last month, American Express was poised to make one of the world's largest corporate takeovers, offering its stock in a \$1 billion deal for the Allegheny Corporation. It was called off just a month after the first announcement.

In London, Amex has just paid £28m for Peninsular House in Monument Street.

## RMC puts £20m into expansion

By Jeremy Warner

RMC Group, Britain's biggest ready-mixed concrete concern, is spending about £20m on acquisitions in France, the US and Britain.

The takeovers will provide a source of raw materials for the group's businesses in Britain and France and extend its American interests.

The stock market approved - and marked the shares up 8p to 397p yesterday despite the placing of 3.94 million shares to help pay for the purchases.

RMC is paying DM50m (£12.85m) to Rheinisch-Westfälische Zementwerke of West Germany for a 65 per cent interest in its aggregates offshoot in France.

RMC already has 49 per cent of the West German parent which has been rationalizing its interest through sale and closure to concentrate on its original limestone extraction business.

The French company lost money last year and most of this year. But it is expected to make a net profit next year.

RMC is also paying \$9.7m (£6.7m) for a 75 per cent interest in Metromont Materials Corporation in South Carolina.

Metromont, which is profitable, operates 12 ready-mixed concrete plants, seven concrete block plants and one concrete pipe plant.

Meanwhile, in Britain the group is paying £1.84m for farm land adjacent to its existing quarry at Hatfield in Hertfordshire.

Planning permission has been granted to develop the land for its sand and gravel deposits. RMC appears to have secured its new reserves at Hatfield cheaply compared with the price that Tarmac has been paying.

## Lloyds buys part of rescued bank

By Our Banking Correspondent

Lloyds Bank is expanding in Germany by buying part of Schroeder, Munchmeyer, Hengst and Co. (SMH), the private German bank which was rescued last month, for an undisclosed sum.

Lloyds is buying about DM1.4 billion (£335m) of assets under the deal, comprising parts of SMH's commercial banking business and all its investment banking activities.

Excluded from the deal are any of SMH's loans to IBM, the huge building machinery group or Witeau, a machinery company in which IBM has a stake.

It was these loans, estimated at about DM900m, which precipitated the rescue of SMH by a group of West German banks at the beginning of last month.

The West German banks are believed to have extended about

## Dow recovers early losses

New York (AP Dow-Jones) -

Stocks were mostly lower in early trading but some losses were reduced.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down about two points recovering from an early drop of more than 3½.

Declines held a 705-to-670 edge over advances in moderately active trading.

Mr Michael Metz, vice president of Oppenheimer & Co. said: "The stock market is behaving fairly well considering the interest rate background. It can't attract much new money now because of the high interest rates."

International Business Machines was up 1½ to 122½.

General Motors up ½ to 75½.

Eastman Kodak up ¾ to 74½.

Val up ¼ to 35½.

Norfolk Southern up ¾ to 63½.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Investment fund for Lancashire

Mr David Trippier, the minister for small businesses, has given his backing to a new community-based investment fund which will invest £500,000 in local firms in North-East Lancashire.

The Valleys of Enterprise Trust Fund, which is part of the Business Expansion Scheme, will be run by local businessmen who draw no salary for their work. Investors will pay no management charges although there will be a half-yearly administrative charge.

Charterhouse Group and Electra Risk Capital have linked up with a publicly-quoted company, Pineapple Dance Studios, for its first venture under the Business Expansion Scheme. Pineapple has formed a subsidiary, Pineapple Kensington, in which Charterhouse will take a 40 per cent stake and Electra a 35 per cent stake. Charterhouse has paid £251,000 for its stake and Electra £220,000. The remaining 25 per cent will be held by Pineapple.

The Department of Trade has presented petitions for the compulsory winding up of Cavalier Insurance and Universal Guarantee Insurance Agency, after discovering that the two companies were not authorized to offer extended guarantee insurances to policyholders.

Xerox Corp. has agreed to acquire the privately-held investment banking firm Van Kampen Merritt for \$150m (£105m) in cash, term and convertible notes, plus a contingent payment of up to \$68m based on earnings for the next three years.

Mr John Elliott, an Australian entrepreneur, yesterday raised a toast in Foster's lager after his company gained control of the brewers of Australia's most famous beer in the country's largest takeover deal. Mr Elliott, managing director of Elders IXL, said his company now held more than 50 per cent of Carlton and United Breweries after spending more than \$448m.

## Property groups back in £300m merger talks

By Jonathan Clare

The £300m merger of Slough Estates, Allnatt London Properties and Guildhall Property is back on after a surprise announcement yesterday that the three companies were talking again. An official announcement of the terms of the deal is expected today.

Talks between the three property companies were called off just over two weeks ago. The two main directors of Allnatt and Guildhall, Mr Leslie Smith and Mr Ronald Diggins, are said to be anxious to stand down. Mr Diggins is also on the Slough board.

A successful merger would create a property company with a portfolio worth about £700m and a market value of almost £300m. Slough's portfolio alone is worth about £500m.

Mr Godfrey Messervy, chairman of Lucas Industries, told yesterday's annual meeting that the company must continue to shed labour this year if it is to remain competitive. In 1982 the group reduced its British workforce by nearly 4,000 to 45,500.

which its shares trade. But any issue of Slough shares to acquire the earnings per share would dilute this is likely to be insubstantial on the terms Slough wants.

The belief among City circles that the merger will be on Slough's terms was reflected in the share price which ended the day down only 3p at 119p.

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## Minister seeks further \$100m towards \$6.5 billion new money target

## Brazil appeals for Middle East loan

By John Lawless

Brazil's Planning Minister, Senator Antonio Delfim Netto, is on a tour of the Middle East, urging bankers to join the \$6.5 billion (£4.3m) new money loan to his country.

He left Bahrain yesterday after a visit to the United Arab Emirates, and was thought to be heading for Jeddah. After Saudi Arabia, where he is due to meet senior ministers and central bank officials, he is likely to visit Kuwait.

The Middle East is the only region, outside Latin America, that is still showing substantial resistance to new lending. A New York banker who is coordinating the loan arrangements said yesterday: "We are looking for another \$100m from there, having so far managed to



Antonio Delfim Netto: Plea to bankers

secure promises of only about \$70m.

"Every dollar is important at this stage, given that many of the commitments from elsewhere in the world are contin-

gent upon the full \$6.5 billion being in place, from 100 per cent of the banks."

The new money total yesterday stood at \$6.22 billion, from 420 banks. Although coordinate banks were still claiming that they have yet to hear from about 200 small banks, others began to question whether this figure might be a scare tactic.

One London banker said: "There are many subsidiaries included in that figure, perhaps five belonging to one bank. That has inflated the total still outstanding."

He added: "The major non-US banks are adamant that they will not raise bridging finance by the end of the year if the full amount is not there."

Brazil, under those circumstances, would only be able to keep the existing commitments

in place - and allow the rescue deal to continue into next year - if it guaranteed to make what arrears payment is can in "an even-handed" way. In other words, American banks must not be favoured with payments.

If Brazil could not do that, either old loans would temporarily have to be put on a non-performing basis, or the US banks would have to raise bridging finance on their own.

"The big banks feel very strongly about this," he said, pointing out that several of those still to commit themselves are regional US banks.

There can be no under-estimating, therefore, how important Senator Delfim Netto's Middle East tour has become. Apart from the two large banks, BNL International and the Arab Bank International, there are still plenty of smaller banks there holding back.

## US fears hit index

The equity market's record-breaking run showed signs of running out of steam yesterday as the long three-week Christmas account got under way.

Opening on a firm note the FT Index continued to scale new heights, rising 3.4, at one stage, before closing 3.4 down at 753.7.

Fears of higher US interest rates and a disappointing start to trading on Wall Street affected sentiment with the latest bumper set of retail sales making little impression.

Dealers fear that now the festivities are under way turnover will continue to decline and prices will now be left to drift.

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## STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 753.7 down 3.4  
FT 100: 82.51 down 0.26  
FT All Share: 463.65 down 1.48

Bargains: 21.030

Datamart USM Leaders

Index: 11.4

New York: Dow Jones

Average: (latest) 1258.33

down 1.73

Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones

Index: 9,442.38 down 6.52

Hongkong: Hang Seng

Index: 856.74 down 1.65

Amsterdam: 155.0 down 0.1

Sydney: AO Index: 743.5 up 8.0

Frankfurt: Commerzbank

Index: 1016.3 up 2.0

Brussels: General Index

131.65 up 0.71

Paris: CAC Index: 151.5 up 0.9

Zurich: SKA General: 306.80

up 0.30

## CURRENCIES

STERLING

\$1.4310 down 45pts

Index: 82.5 up 0.1

DM 3.9425 up 0.0050

FF 12.0050 up 0.0125

Yen 338.75 down 0.75

Dollar

Index: 130.4 up 0.2

DM 2.7540 up 0.0063

NEW YORK LATEST

Sterling: \$1.4285

Dollar DM 2.7525

INTERNATIONAL

ECU: 0.673129

SDR: 0.725922







INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK

# Dobson Park contains drop in profits to £1m

What props up the share price of Dobson Park Industries, the coal mining engineers, is a 10.8 yield on a price of 70p and a maintained dividend of 5.21p, despite three years of falling profits.

That is of little consolation to a company that has seen its pretax profit margins more than halved in five years and its fully taxed earnings per share cut by just as much.

Nevertheless, Dobson has done well to contain the drop down from £9m to £8m pretax for the year ended October on a turnover reduced from £122.6m to £109.3m.

Gearing has sensibly been held down. Acquisitions in the current year should be valued at half the spent in the last fiscal year, £12m, but even then the gearing level should still be no higher than 15 per cent by the year-end, according to Mr Graham Edwards, the finance director.

Incorporating the £1.44m profits of FSW, acquired last May, helped profits at a crucial time and further acquisitions should do the same this year.

But the real problems do not lie in Britain, where any upturn will have a dramatic effect on profitability, but abroad.

In the seven main overseas areas in which Dobson Park operates, it showed losses in six, and the one which did contribute, India, made only £205,000.

Europe and North America recorded the sharpest downturn with combined losses increasing to almost £2m from £660,000. Dobson hopes to have both countries breaking even level by the end of this year, but that could be over optimistic.

The West German subsidiary makes aircraft-towing equipment and mining vehicles, while a boom area, the United States has seen its coal mining industry slump by over 30 per cent and a turnaround there will have to be substantial before the mining companies begin buying new equipment.

The company is basing its main hope on a continued improvement from power tools - a loss of £538,000 turned into a £1.7m profit - to help curb the sharp drop in mining supplies profits, which more than halved to £2.3m.

Shareholders would be unwise to expect improved profits in the current period, but a maintained dividend and a high yield coupled with sensible financial policies should see the group maintain an even keel until the expected improvement in 1985.



John Martin: outlets for manufacturers

## Martin The Newsagent

Sandwiches, coffee and computers are available at Martin The Newsagent as it widens its product range to incorporate whatever will make a profit.

Martin's policy is similar to that of Sketchley, the cleaning group, which cuts keys and repairs shoes at its high street shops.

Mr John Martin, chairman, supports vertical integration to the extent that within five years his group, founded on selling newspapers and magazines, still about 35 per cent of business, could be offering manufacturers immediate outlets in the high street.

Therefore, the staff must be trained to sell a wide range of goods offered by the chain and this is being handled by Mr Bill Mitchell, formerly of ASDA group who is the new personnel director.

Martin's traditional businesses are declining. Tobacco market volume, for instance, has fallen another 4 per cent over the year and newspapers 2 per cent.

The last national newspaper dispute, over a weekend and one Monday, cost the group £120,000 at the operating profit level and the absence of papers on a Sunday cut that day's turnover by 50 per cent.

The market was surprised by the performance for the year, particularly after the poor first half. Sales rose 10.3 per cent to £141.6m from £128m, while pretax profits were only marginally lower, from £3.6m to £3.4m.

Despite a £1m increase in borrowings, gearing is being held at 38 per cent and although capital expenditure is being raised a number of low performance shops are being sold off.

The final dividend of 3.72p takes the year's total to 6.12p, against 5.775p the year before. As 156p the shares are well below the year's best, but yield a safe 5.5.

## Caffyns

Record car sales in August had a predictable effect on the half-year results of Caffyns, the South of England motor traders but the company is still waiting for some big property sales to cut borrowings to manageable levels.

Trading continued strongly in the second half, despite fears that the August boom was merely sales brought forward from September, October and November.

Although the Rolls-Royce franchise was lost last April, following Rolls' decision to rationalize its outlets, Caffyns benefited from good sales of BLs Metro and Maestro models and has high hopes for the forthcoming LM10.

Even Fiat and Lancia have improved after a thin patch, though sales performance is well below the levels achieved by the German manufacturers, VAG and Mercedes Benz, represented by Caffyns.

Margins on new car sales have shown no signs of firming, but have at least stabilized after two years of deterioration.

The sale of a garage last May boosted property profits to £248,000, against £73,000, to leave interim pretax profits at £474,000, against £61,000.

Another garage sale has been agreed, while two more may be sold by the year-end, to substantially reduce borrowings. Caffyns' interest charge was cut from £664,000 to £571,000.

These garages being sold are empty and a repeat of last year's extraordinary closure costs of £327,000 is unlikely, so the group should end the year in the black at the attributable level. Meanwhile the interim dividend has been maintained at 2.2p.

The shares were up 2p to 150p yesterday, close to the year's high. They have been supported by bid rumours, of which recently re-emerged, but more than 50 per cent of the shares are in family hands and the directors say they would not welcome an approach.

# Scramble for £200m Egyptian contracts

John Lawless

The Egyptians are to announce four contracts in the next few weeks - worth more than £200m, and all involving British companies - to rehabilitate Cairo's crumbling sewers.

To squeeze the lowest possible price from those bidding, the Egyptians allowed a Dutch auction to proceed well after tenders received for the first contract.

Five companies bid a year ago to supply mechanical and engineering equipment for the Al Ameria pumping station. Mather and Platt came in with the lowest offer. The other four contenders - Hawker Siddeley Power Engineering, NEI, Capricorn and GEC - then sought to revise their bids.

NET came out lowest, but GEC then sent a letter offering to shave another £250,000 off its price. It has just been given a letter of intent, which is still being ratified, at £11.84m against its original bid of about £15m.

If the Egyptians go for the lowest bids so far, Lilly Construction will build 4,900 metres of sewer tunnels between Souk el Samak and Abdeen, having tendered at £106m (£88.3m).

A consortium of Tarmac, Cementation, Balfour Beatty and Edmund Nutall will undertake tunnels Souk el Samak with Ameria, and in particular a 4,000-metre main sewer (at £21.9m).

The British are guaranteed at least £150m worth of work.

# Meggitt looks for acquisitions

Philip Robinson

A shareholder's meeting four days after Christmas should signal an attempt to revitalize the former sleepy engineering company Meggitt Holdings.

Behind the attempt are Mr Ken Coates and Mr Nigel McCormick. Both were senior directors of Flight Refuelling during a period when that company's turnover rose more than five-fold and the group's profits rose at an even faster rate.

Following Meggitt Shareholders' approval, Mr Coates and Mr McCormick will emerge with about 5 per cent each of Meggitt, the two are being backed by investors in industry (III) which will take a maximum 20 per cent stake as a result of underwriting a 30p per share rights issue.

Meggitt's share price, 38p at one stage this year, has soared to 101p and closed last night at 93p. The activity has inspired share rises in another engineering group, Hampson Industries. Its share price more than doubled this year and currently stands at 18p on speculation that the reshaped Meggitt will be looking for acquisitions.

## COMMODITIES

### LONDON COMMODITY PRICES

Marked in £ per tonne unless stated otherwise. Prices are for 1000 lbs unless stated otherwise.

Coffee, cocoa, sugar in pounds per cwt. unless stated otherwise.

Oil in US\$ per barrel unless stated otherwise.

Gold in £ per ounce unless stated otherwise.

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Instant research from computerized Hansard

## Short cuts at the Commons

News that the text of the House of Commons Hansard is now stored on computer (*The Times*, December 8) will be very welcome to those who daily pore through Hansard looking for items relating to particular topics of interest.

Instead of hours of tedious painstaking research, the computer can do the searching for them in a matter of seconds at the press of a few keys on the terminal keyboard.

The new service is being offered by Scicon, the computer services company owned by EFP as part of the external Polls (Parliamentary On-Line Information System) service Scicon runs on behalf of the House of Commons services committee.

Polls is a computerized information-retrieval system which provides users with index details on any subject covered in parliamentary papers, including Hansard, on-line.

The system was developed by Scicon for the Commons' Library to enable the library to provide a rapid service for helping MPs find information among the plethora of publications produced as a result of parliamentary business. It was described in *Computer Horizons* on February 8.

The new service enables terminal users to key in Polls search words relating to the topics they are interested in, obtain a list of index references where the topics are mentioned in the Hansard text, and then display the appropriate text for each reference.

The text stored in the database is as up to date as the publication of Hansard itself.

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there being a day's delay between a given session and the Hansard report on that session being entered into the computer.

Coverage is confined to proceedings in the Chamber of the House of Commons, because at present these are the only proceedings at Westminster which are produced in computer-readable form. The Hansard text stored covers the present session of Parliament, ie, from June 22 this year.

Analysis of Polls enquiries has shown that the majority relate to the proceedings over the previous 12 months. Scicon therefore plans to extend the coverage of the new service back to the start of the last session of the last Parliament, ie, November, 1982.

There are no plans to go back further than this at present, because the demand for such information is likely to be small.

Indeed, with the high cost of storing one session's proceedings (about 150 million characters of information) the company originally planned to restrict coverage to the current and previous sessions, and to discard Hansard reports more than twelve months old at the beginning of each new session.

The cost of storing data is falling, however, and with the possibility of low-cost methods of high volume data storage

becoming commercially available next year, the company is likely to retain stored Hansard information indefinitely.

The new service is unlikely to reduce the number of subscriptions to Hansard, because subscribers will still want to have copies in their libraries.

The service is mainly aimed at people who do not have ready

after it is published.

Another reason why the service is unlikely to affect subscriptions to Hansard is the cost of using the service, which is geared to periodic referencing, rather than large-scale text extraction.

An annual subscription for Hansard daily by post costs £260. To access the Scicon's Hansard service involves becoming a Polls subscriber, which means an investment of up to £3,500 or more in terminal equipment if you do not have the equipment already, and paying a Polls access charge of £55 an hour (92p a minute) plus 20p per Hansard column accessed.

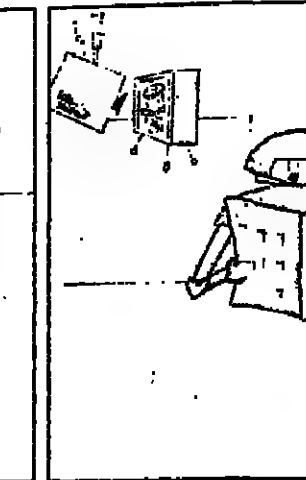
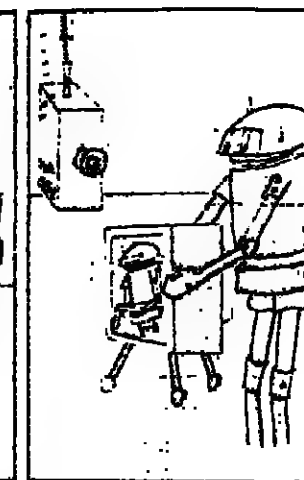
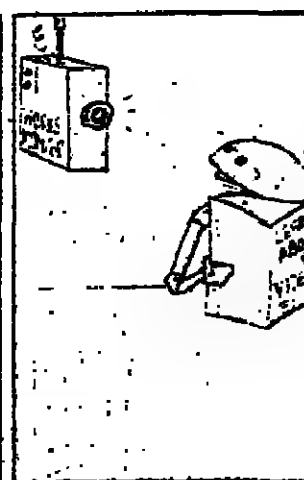
There is also the cost of the call to Scicon's computer in Milton Keynes. Access can be via telephone line, which can be at local call rates from London and Manchester as well as Milton Keynes, or via any British Telecom PSS data communications mode, of which there are about 20 throughout the country.

Reaction of existing Polls users to the new service has been generally enthusiastic. More than a third have contracted to take it. Currently there are more than 80 users of Polls including overseas, as well as UK, organizations. Among them are government departments, local authorities, public corporations, universities, and public relations consultants who look after client's parliamentary interests.

Overseas users include the EEC, the European parliament, and government organizations in Australia and New Zealand.



AGOS



## FO planning for electronic mail

By Maggie McLeone

If the Central Computer and Telecommunications Agency gives the go-ahead, the Foreign Office intends to install about 1,500 microcomputers in its UK departments over the next three years, and up to 200 larger systems overseas.

Most of the London-based machines (1,400) will form an internal electronic mail service, with the remaining 100 used to run a personal application for the combined FCO and ODA staff of 9,000. Overseas, the FCO plans to supply consulates with administrative and commercial systems, and has already started the operation in the US and West Germany.

Provisionally estimated to cost between £5-10 million, the FOLIOS (Foreign Office London Integrated Office System) electronic office network is the largest undertaking. It is envisaged as a distributed system

with information "nodes" based on micros with hard disk storage in 80 departments linked by an electronic mail service run on a central processor.

Individual workstations would have word processing, electronic filing, and computerized diaries and telephone directories, plus the ability to send messages anywhere in the network.

The FCO has to deal with large quantities of text, much of which arrives in teletype, and all of it has to be handled quickly. Although external communications are advanced, the internal system is extremely slow, with documents taking up to three weeks to complete circulation, and FOLIOS is intended to speed up the flow and cut down the costs involved.

The FCO Communications

Division has a project for message handling and this will eventually be linked up to the FOLIOS, explained Mr Adrian Thorpe, head of Information Technology. "We aim to recoup the cost of the system over 10 years from savings on material costs, such as the production of about 10 million photocopies a year and the subsequent shredding of classified documents."

Although the FCO originally considered this type of system as early as 1969, no suitable computer equipment was then available, so the idea was shelved until 1981, when Pactal was commissioned to carry out a strategic study. Pactal reported the results in 1982 and the FCO is now following the recommendations made, working with software house Logica to produce a full study for submission to the CCTA in

January. Procurement is then likely to take place by the end of 1984, with systems being installed during 1985/6.

Mr Thorpe is working closely with the Civil Service unions, and says that so far they have shown a "positive attitude and great enthusiasm". The FCO has set up a dummy system to help clarify requirements expressed by three steering committees representing a wide cross-section of potential users, and a further 700 or so staff have visited the simulated electronic office voluntarily to give their comments.

A similar approach has been taken to the Staff Records System (known as STARS), and the Overseas Programme. The FCO personnel department is experimenting with ICL's Personnel 20 package, running on DRS 20s, as a pilot exercise.

## All the fun of the micro stocking, maths included

With only another eleven shopping days to go, here are a few more suggestions for the micro-stocking, writes Geoffrey Ellis.

Two new Learn Basic packages for users of the Spectrum and Dragon contain a step-by-step book, supported by two cassettes with exercises and programs illustrating the points made in the book. From Logic 3, at £12.95.

Another name new to the games market is Mogul, division of the video company. It has launched 13 games for all of the popular home machines. They range from arcade games such as Creator's Revenge for the Commodore 64, Super Trek for the Cric, 64 and Vic 20, to a classic adventure pack taking more than six hours to solve.

There is a new database available for the Spectrum: Data Genie, comes from Audiogenic and it uses the "pop up" menu style of the more expensive Magpie system. This one sells at a modest £9.95.

Another goodie from Audiogenic is a graphics tablet for the Commodore 64. This consists of a tablet and stylus, disk-based

software and instruction manual. It enables the user to create high quality illustrations with commands like brush option, colour palette, and the built-in selection of pre-formed shapes. This comes at around £90.

New home user book titles include the Penguin Computing Book, a substantial paperback of 450 pages by Susan Curran and Ray Curnow, which starts with an historical look at the subject, goes on through various aspects of the technology, deals with the different languages, and ends with various applications. It sells at £5.95.

Other titles more useful in an instant way are those which carry listings and routines. Representative of these are Winning Games on the Vic 20, a selection of all the old faithfuls, distributed by John Wiley at £5.95.

If you feel that there should be more to micros than game playing, then *Maths+Computers=Fun*, by Geoffrey Childs at £6.25, should solve your dilemma. It is full of listings to help brighten up learning at a number of levels.

### UK events

Your Computer Christmas Fair, Wembley Conference Centre, December 15-18. Which Computer? Show, NEC, Birmingham, January 17-20. Northern Home Entertainment Show, Excelsior Hotel, Manchester Airport, January 18-22. Acorn Education Exhibition and Conference, Halls, Westminster, January 25-27. Statindex 84, Earls Court, London, January 28th - 1st January. Peripherals Suppliers, Cunard

International, January 31-Feb 2. Communications & Computer Systems Fair - CABLES, Pontin's, Prestatyn, Wales, February 2-4. LET 84, Heathrow Penta Hotel, February 13-15. International Home Computers, Heathrow Penta Hotel, February 13-15. Information Technology & Office Automation Exhibition and Conference, Barbican Centre, London, ECI February 21-24. OCM Only Conference, Hilton Hotel, London W1, March 7. Compiled by Personal Computer News.

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## Health authority went about hospital closure unlawfully

**Regina v Hillingdon Health Authority, Ex parte Goodwin and Others**  
Before Mr Justice Woolf

[Judgment delivered December 13]  
An area health authority which had failed to consider arrangements made with its medical committee and how those arrangements could be terminated acted unlawfully in its decision to close one of its out-patient hospitals, albeit on a temporary basis, without consulting that committee.

However, the actual taking of the decision was not unlawful, and it was neither *ultra vires* to seek to close the hospital before the expiry of the period of notice required to be given to each member of the committee nor for the district administrator to seek to terminate all the contracts of those members alone.

Mr Justice Woolf held in the Queen's Bench Division in allowing an application for judicial review of the decision of the Hillingdon Health Authority taken on September 27, 1983 temporarily to close that hospital.

Mr Stephen Sedley, QC and Mr Robin Allen for the applicants; Mr Adrian Whitfield, QC and Mr Michael Lengua for the respondent health authority.

Mr JUSTICE WOOLF, giving the reserved judgment of the court, said:

## Surgeon wins damages for distress

**Bliss v South East Thames Regional Health Authority**  
Before Mr Justice Farquharson

[Judgment delivered December 9]

Damages were awarded to an orthopaedic surgeon for the distress, frustration and vexation caused to him by a hospital authority's breach of contract in refusing him to submit to a medical examination and suspending him from duty for his refusal to submit to such an examination.

Mr Justice Farquharson so held in the Queen's Bench Division in giving judgment for the plaintiff, Mr Anthony Rex Bliss in the sum of £9,700 including £2,000 for distress, against the defendant health authority.

Mr Frederic Reynolds, QC and Mr Michael Brompton for the plaintiff; Mr Jonathan Playford, QC and Mr Charles Gibson for the defendant health authority.

Mr JUSTICE FARQUHARSON said that the plaintiff was a part-time consultant in orthopaedic and accident surgery at the Midway Hospital in Gillingham. He also maintained a private practice.

A professional dispute arose between the plaintiff and a colleague which resulted in a heated exchange of correspondence between them while the plaintiff was on six months' leave of absence in Australia. The colleague, a Mr Hay, referred the correspondence to the regional medical officer, Dr Forsythe, and invited him to suspend the plaintiff from his return.

Dr Forsythe discussed the matter with a subcommittee of the medical staff committee, who indicated that they felt that there was a risk to patients as a result of the plaintiff's behaviour.

On his return he was formally required by the chairman of the authority to undergo a medical examination by a psychiatrist. The plaintiff refused, whereupon the

that the hospital was still part of the life of the community and received money raised by persons interested in the hospital. The authority had not yet closed the hospital pending the decision of the court.

It was, as a cottage hospital, run by a committee of general practitioners that had a well-established role in relation to the hospital. The authority had a statutory duty to maintain a relationship with that committee under paragraph 4 of Schedule 6 of the National Health Service Act 1977, and a contract existed terminable by three months' notice between the general practitioners and the authority.

The resources of the health service were governed by section 97 of the 1977 Act as amended by section 6 of the Health Service Act 1980 which placed upon an authority the clear duty to balance its budget to ensure that its expenditure did not exceed its statutory income as defined in the statute. The authority's decision to close was taken without prior consultation so as to contain expenditure within the limits of the three months' notice.

His Lordship adopted the approach of Mr Justice Cook in a case from New Zealand, *CREEDNZ Inc v Governor General* [1981] 1 NZLR 172, and concluded that the contract between the doctors and the authority was a matter the authority was entitled to take into account; the whole process of consultation was given great

importance by the legislation. The relationship was so fundamental that it was quite wrong for it to be subject to the question of temporary closure.

His Lordship rejected the contention that the decision taken on September 27 for temporary closure was prejudging the matter and meant in effect permanent closure. The decision was for temporary closure with permanent closure to follow after the full consultative process had been gone through.

Where the statutory responsibility of the authority to meet its financial constraints was involved, then the existence of the contracts between the doctors and the authority placed upon the authority the requirement to consider those contracts but it did not prevent the authority from reaching its decision on temporary closure when it considered that it was its public duty, and since it was the policy of the hospital authority to close the hospital permanently, it was appropriate for the authority to authorize the administrator to terminate the appointment of the doctors.

His Lordship concluded that the decision of September 27 had to be qualified so that the matter could be considered by the authority in a short time in a proper manner. That did not affect the fact that the authority could take in terminating the appointment of the doctors.

Solicitors: Mr T. J. Rose, Hayes; J. Tickle & Co.

## Dismissing wife's claim for payments

**Cook v Cook**  
Before Lord Justice Cumming-Bruce and Lord Justice Fox

[Judgment delivered December 12]

A court had jurisdiction to dismiss a wife's claim to periodical payments without her consent where she had consented to forgo such claim in an earlier deed of separation subject to the approval of the court, and the court said no ground for refusing to approve it.

The Court of Appeal dismissed an appeal by Mrs Lynda Cook against Judge Stockdale's order in chambers on June 2 dismissing her claim to periodical payments for herself.

Mr Simon Bucknham for the wife; Mr Nicholas Mostyn for the husband.

LORD JUSTICE CUMMING-BRUCE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the wife had submitted that the relevant consent to dismissal of her claim for periodical payments was a consent given to the court at the date of the hearing.

In *Dipper v Dipper* [1981] Fam 311, it had been held that the court could not dismiss a claim by a wife for periodical payments for her own maintenance unless she had consented. However, there was nothing in the judgments to cast doubt on the proposition that a valid agreement, made subject to the approval of the court, could not be an effective consent for the purpose of conferring upon the court jurisdiction to dismiss a claim for periodical payments simply because a party subsequently at the hearing sought to resile from the obligations agreed in the deed.

On the contrary, the whole tenor of the speeches of the House of Lords in *Alford v Alford* [1979] AC 591 had been that such an agreement should be upheld as a valid consent to dismissal of financial and property claim if it was made, of construction it was intended to have that effect.

Solicitors: Messrs Jones & Sons, Edinburgh; Martin Potter & Co, London.

## Abandonment of appeal cannot be withdrawn

**Regina v Straker (David)**  
Once an appellant had lodged a form abandoning his application for leave to appeal, that was treated as a refusal of leave by the full court and could not be withdrawn unless the appellant could subsequently show that it was a nullity because he had not taken a deliberate and informed decision to abandon the application.

The Court of Appeal (Criminal Division) (Mr Justice Boreham and Mr Justice Nolan) so held on December 8 refusing an application by Mr David Straker to have a notice of abandonment which he had signed on June 1 treated as a nullity.

Solicitors: Apple & Court, Maidstone; Bird & Bird.

## Ownership of bunkers after arrest of ship

**Stellar Chartering and Brokerage Inc v Eibancas-Ente Financiero Interbancario SPA**  
Before Lord Diplock, Lord Fraser of Tullybelton, Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook and Lord Templeman

[Speeches delivered December 8]

In deciding the ownership of unbroached bunkers of fuel on board a vessel which was arrested while on time charter in respect of an Admiralty action *in rem* for the recovery of money owed by the shipowner to the charterers, the House of Lords held that the common law principle of bailment applied.

Accordingly, so long as the contract contained in the charterparty continued, the shipowners had the right and duty to use and consume the bunkers of which they were the bailees for the purpose of carrying out such instructions to the master about the employment of the vessel as the charterers gave them while the vessel was at all material times the property of the charterers.

Upon cancellation of the charterparty the shipowners' right to use and consume the bunkers then remaining on board terminated and any contractual right they may have had to retain possession against the charterers likewise came to an end. The House of Lords so held allowing an appeal by the charterers, Stellar Chartering and Brokerage Inc from a decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice Waller, Lord Justice Watkins and Lord Justice Goff) given on March 4, 1983 (*The Span Terza*, *The Times* March 8, 1983) [1983] 1 WLR 632 which had decided that the shipowners were entitled to the bunkers.

Mr James Stirling for the charterers; Mr Stewart Boyd, QC and Mr Simon Crookenden for the shipowners.

LORD DIPLOCK said that for the purpose of deciding the only issue in the appeal, the mortgagees of the *Span Terza* under an Italian law, the mortgagees of the vessel, the charterers, who were in fact sub-charterers, could be treated as standing in the shoes of the shipowners, since the mortgage of the ship under Italian law covered the bunkers if they were the property of the shipowners.

The charterers, who were in fact sub-charterers, could be treated as standing in the shoes of the shipowners under the law of the vessel's flag, the Italian law, and the mortgage of the ship under Italian law covered the bunkers if they were the property of the shipowners.

The *Span Terza* was arrested in Liverpool on November 18, 1981, on December 16, 1981 she was condemned and ordered to be sold at the rate of £1.50 per tonne of unbroached bunkers on board at the time of the arrest (unless sold) at dropping outward sea pilot one port GIB/Saw range including JUK.

On December 23, 1981, the charterers gave to the shipowners a written authority to cancel the charterparty and to deliver the bunkers to the charterers.

Such cancellation of the charterparty was not effective for longer than 25 days, as the *Span Terza* had by December 23, 1981 in consequence of the arrest.

The only question in the appeal was whether at the date of the sale of the unbroached bunkers they were then the property of the shipowners or the property of the charterers. If they were the property of the shipowners they formed a part of the security of the mortgagees who consequently had a secured claim on the proceeds of their sale; if it was the property of the charterers it was they who were entitled to the proceeds of the sale.

The bunkers had all been paid for by the charterers. The question whether they were the property of the charterers after cancellation depended upon the true construction of the charterparty.

It was not contended by either party that anything had happened after the date of cancellation of the charterparty and before the date of the sale of the unbroached bunkers which could have transferred the property to them.

The mortgagees' claim was based upon three alternative propositions. First, that the property in the bunkers vested in the owners when the bunkers were delivered to the vessel, and remained vested in the owners throughout the period of the sale of the unbroached bunkers (the charterparty) and after they were cancelled.

Second, if the first proposition was incorrect, then on the cancellation of the charterparty the property in the bunkers vested in the owners by virtue of the express provisions of clause 3 of the charterparty.

Third, if both the first and second propositions were incorrect, then on the cancellation of the charterparty, the property in the bunkers vested in the owners by virtue of an implied term in the charterparty to the like effect as clause 3.

Mr Justice Stirling at first instance rejected the first proposition but found for the mortgagees on the second. On appeal from his decision the Court of Appeal agreed with Mr Justice Stirling on the first proposition, disagreed on the second but found for the mortgagees on the third and accordingly dismissed the appeal.

The relevant conditions of the charterparty provided that "2. The charterers shall provide while on hire and use for all bunkers, fuel, oil, and lubricating oil."

3. The charterers at the port of delivery and owners at the port of redelivery shall take over and pay for all bunkers on board the vessel and for all fuel, oil, and lubricating oil at the rate of £1.50 per tonne of unbroached bunkers on board at the time of the arrest (unless sold) at dropping outward sea pilot one port GIB/Saw range including JUK.

Clause 56 gave the charterers an option to cancel the charterparty

before the expiry of the two-year period for which it was granted if war were to break out between any two of several named countries and clause 71 provided that if the vessel remained off hire continuously for longer than 25 days the charterers had an option to cancel the charterparty or balance of it.

In condition 2 the words "provide... and pay for", in condition 3 the words "take over and pay for" and the reference to "price" were wholly inconsistent with the property in the bunkers being vested in anyone other than the charterers. The words would otherwise be meaningless.

Possession of all the bunkers once they were on board the vessel was no doubt vested in the shipowners as bailees who were under a duty to procure that they were used by the charterers in carrying out the orders which the charterers were authorized by the charterparty to give him as to the employment of the vessel. The Court of Appeal were therefore right to reject the first proposition.

Considering the second proposition, condition 3 and the latter half of condition 4 dealt with and were confined to redelivery. Condition 3 dealt with what was to happen to the bunkers on board at the time of redelivery and as a matter of construction its express provisions were wholly inapt to apply to termination otherwise than pursuant to condition 4.

Considering the third proposition under the terms of the charterparty the bunkers while aboard the *Span*

Terza were at all material times the property of the charterers. The shipowners had possession of them as bailees.

So long as the contract contained in the charterparty continued, the shipowners had the right and duty to use and consume the bunkers of which they were the bailees.

Upon cancellation of the charterparty under condition 71, the shipowners' right to use and consume the bunkers then remaining on board terminated, but of all bunkers that were on the vessel at that moment when the primary obligations of both parties under the charterparty not yet performed came to an end, the shipowners remained bailees of the charterers and any contractual right they might have had to retain possession as against the charterers likewise came to an end.

Since the *Span Terza* was at the moment of cancellation, at a port within the redelivery range and without any cargo belonging to either the charterers or the shipowners, the charterers had no problems arose that called for the implication of any terms as to the right of the shipowners to continue to use fuel on board at Liverpool for any purpose.

For that reason involving the basic principles of the common law of bailment the appeal was allowed. Lord Fraser, Lord Keith, Lord Brandon and Lord Templeman agreed.

Solicitors: Lovell, White & King; Holman, Fenwick & Willan.

## Questions of parole not for the court

**Regina v Dilworth**  
Questions of parole were not for the Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, said on December 12, when refusing an application by Matthew James Dilworth, for leave to appeal out of time for an extension of time in which to appeal against sentence of 10 years' imprisonment imposed at the Central Criminal Court, in April 1982 by Judge Aldred, QC, on conviction of six counts of robbery and six counts of possessing a firearm with intent to commit an indictable offence.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE, sitting with Mr Justice Farquharson and Mr Justice Boreham, said that the applicant accepted that when sentence was passed on him it

was in all the circumstances fair and proper. He sought to submit that, as a result of a possible change in parole policy, he and other prisoners convicted of certain types of offences might have to serve longer in prison than seemed probable at the time when he was sentenced.

This was one of a number of such applications which have been made necessary. Questions of parole were not for the Court of Appeal. Their Lordships had repeatedly said that sentences were imposed by trial judges and reviewed by the Court of Appeal without regard to the impact of changes in parole policy.

It followed that it was not ground for an appeal that there might be or had been a change in parole policy.

## Transfer of debenture free of equities

**Hilger Analytical Ltd v Rank Precision Industries Ltd and Others**  
A debenture could be transferred to a transferee of debentures who was subject to equities, that position could be altered by agreement. The debenture in question, on its true construction, did give the debenture holder the right to transfer the debenture free of equities, and as far as the law permitted, it had been drawn so as to approximate to a negotiable instrument.

His Lordship said that, while

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OLYMPIC GAMES

# A worm's eye view of Cup opponents

Ron Atkinson has been offered the chance to assess Manchester United's FA Cup third round opponents from the Windsor and Eton schools. Atkinson, who is available at Windsor's tiny ground for tonight's second round tie against Bournemouth, which has attracted even greater local interest than the first round tie, has a home tie against the Cup holders.

"I expect we will be able to squeeze Ron in, but he's welcome to join me in the dug-out," says Atkinson. "The referee, Mr. Chapple, said Windsor officials have no doubt that the match, which was postponed on Saturday because of a waterlogged pitch, will go ahead this time."

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# The rapacious city that denies pleasure to millions in Europe

The greed of the Olympic host city of Los Angeles and of the private, commercially-orientated organizing committee, means that the average person in Europe cannot afford to attend the 1984 Games at which a closing ceremony ticket alone can cost \$130.

The daily prices for track and field afternoon meetings are \$40, so that the traditional supporter of the Games, from schools, youth organizations, and the freelance devotees, are effectively priced out of the market. Every supporting facility, from air fares and hotels to the 16-day Games to the hill.

The Los Angeles Organizing Committee is already making a profit of £18,500 a day on advance deposits for ticket sales, which include one dollar handling charge on every ticket, non-refundable if the event is cancelled, or if the applicant is unsuccessful in the ticket lottery.

There is, traditionally, a six per cent levy for municipal council tax, even though the city is alleged not to be financially involved in the Games. A factor which is being queried by members of the IOC. The Christian Science Monitor has recently estimated that Los Angeles will benefit, indirectly, by £2,200m. The International Olympic Committee have indeed allowed themselves to become hostage to an untold fortune.

A retired friend from Essex, who will be attending his 10th Olympic Games since it was held in London in 1948, explains that Los Angeles is a "rip off", that it is impossible to find out, as was possible for Moscow, what seats one has been able to purchase, what the transport facilities between the sites of different sports are, and so on.

This is not the fault of the American Sports Travel, the exclusive ticket agency for the British Olympic Association, on whose behalf David Dryer says: "We shall be selling primarily to the 'incentive market', business and commercial organizations offering rewards and prizes to their staff and clients. We have so far about a thousand inclusive tours booked. Tour operation costs are all being forced up from 1983 levels, and air fare concessions within the United States into Los Angeles are all suspended for the duration of the Games."

The cheapest tour, including seven nights staying at a University campus, is £675, stadium tickets extra. Some hotels are jumping their prices from £20 to £140, car rentals are rising 25 per cent, and to give a party, you will need a second mortgage on your house. Private homes for parties are rentable for \$3,300 a day. There will be few bargains for the expected 650,000 Olympic visitors, and 8,000 media representatives.

It is thought that such prices may encounter sales resistance, though it is expected it will be impossible to rent a car long before the July 28 opening ceremony. A few commercial operators are sympathetic. E. L. Jackson, of a limousine (mini-bus) rental company, will only raise prices 10 per cent.

Should you suppose that we, the press, will be enjoying a free trip to the world's greatest sporting event, think again. The better hotel rooms will be way over the £70 a night had to pay in advance in Newport, Rhode Island, during the America's Cup last summer. A parking space at the main press centre is £200, just one of the 73 items for which an answer is required in an accreditation form considerably more complex than anything the Russians needed to know. Pass me a free Coke!

David Miller

# Liverpool and Newcastle put weight behind PFA demands

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Sammy Lee, of Liverpool and Kevin Keegan, of Newcastle United, have become the unwitting central figures in the deepening dispute between the Football Association and the Professional Footballers' Association. They are the PFA delegates of their respective clubs, whose third round FA Cup tie at Anfield was yesterday chosen by the BBC as the match which will cover live.

But both Liverpool and Newcastle will refuse to play if the cameras are present on Friday night, January 6, unless the FA agree to increase the PFA's share of the television proceeds. The FA's finance and general purposes committee will meet today to discuss whether to raise their current offer of £40,000.

Negotiations started after a similar incident before an FA Cup semi-final in 1965. The PFA were then granted 15 per cent of the television money by the FA and 10 per cent by the Football League. Four years ago the sums were changed to £100,000 and "a fixed sum" respectively.

Last summer the players' union accepted an increase from the League but objected to the 60 per cent reduction suggested by the FA. Gordon Taylor, the secretary of the PFA said yesterday: "This is not a question of highly paid players being greedy. The Liverpool and Newcastle representatives will be fighting for money they will probably never see. We are not a militant group but this is an issue that is fundamental to the existence of our Association."

We cannot accept the offer at a time when the FA will be making in excess of £2.5m from all aspects of the television deal. We have been promised the support of technicians and others on the radio and television safeguards committee but we don't expect anybody else to fight our battles.

The money the PFA receives goes towards pensions, compensation for injuries, education, retaining benevolent funds and administrative costs. Since 1,000 players have been made redundant and the careers of 200 others have ended prematurely within the last two years, their expenditure has increased accordingly to Taylor "dramatically."

He pointed out that three quarters of the PFA's membership of 2,300 earn less than £15,000 a year and a third less than £5,000. "It is as though the FA is saying that they can get by without the players, but they will soon find out that they can't. We believe we are right and that they are renegeing on a long standing standing agreement."

"The FA have ridden roughshod over Northern Ireland and Wales by cancelling the British championship and they are threatening to do the same to us," Taylor added that he had contacted both Lee and Keegan and had also spoken to Dalglish, Neal and Souness, three senior internationals at Liverpool who had lent their support to the move.

Ted Croker, the secretary of the FA, has said that the finances of the governing body have been limited this year by the need to refurbish the National Stadium at Wembley. He thought they would just about break even. The PFA has noted profits of £250,000 and £290,000 in each of the last two years. Taylor replied: "We can't be penalised for running a tight ship."

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# Welsh passion could bear fruit

By Stuart Jones

The sights of three home countries are to be realised within the next 48 hours. Tonight Northern Ireland and Scotland will stand side by side in Belfast and pour into the distance towards Mexico and the world. Tomorrow night, Wales will stand alone among Britain's representatives and look into the near future towards France and Europe.

If the Irish and the Scots can afford to enjoy their experience, the Welsh have no choice but to aim with the finest precision. Their target in their last European championship qualifying match is the Yugoslav net.

Leighton James, aged 30, and Thomas and Price, both 29, as well as Jones, Flynn and Davies, who are 23, must fear the fate that befell Mariner and Clemence, whose international career died a month ago in Luxembourg. Mike England is unlikely to include many, if any, of these six if he is forced to start preparing for the next World Cup.

For personal and collective reasons, therefore, the passion that usually burns inside the famous red shirts is sure to be a roaring fire. The Welsh manager, who hopes that a large crowd will see the flames, says that "this is the biggest game we have had for a long time. It is vitally important financially as well because the cancellation of the home championships was a big blow."

Disappointed that none of the relevant league fixtures was postponed last Saturday, England was relieved to hear that all of his squad had reported fit. The lone absentee in the small party of 16 was Nicholas, who damaged knee ligaments in Bulgaria last month, and is unavailable through suspension anyway.

Jackie, of Warrford, who has recovered from the torn hamstring that kept him out of the 1-0 defeat in Sofia is likely to be recalled in midfield. Southall, Hopkins, Price, Ratcliffe, Jones, Flynn, the captain, Vaisey, Thomas and Davies, and Robbie James will expect to keep their places in a side that would otherwise be unchanged.



Leighton James: fears for career

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# Russian manager is forced out by critics

Moscow (AFP) - The Soviet Union, who are in the same World Cup group as the Republic of Ireland, will have a new manager by Christmas.

Valery Lobanovskiy, who has resigned as manager, is likely to be succeeded by Edward Molodtsov, currently trainer of the national Olympic team.

Lobanovskiy, aged 46, who asked to be released from his duties for what he called "family reasons" succeeded Konstantin Beskov as manager after last year's World Cup finals. He has been heavily criticised for the poor showing of the team which lost 1-0 to Portugal last month and failed to reach the finals of the European Championships in France next year. The repeated loss of his position has been the main reason behind his resignation.

In Spain Schuster returned after injury to inspire Barcelona as they sustained their challenge to leaders Real Madrid for the title. The West German's aggressive performance after seven weeks out of action with a leg injury was a key factor in Barcelona's first ever win in the league, a 3-1 success which was their first for three weeks.

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# A toast to Harrow and the non-league tradition

## Earl's Mead refreshes parts that many others cannot reach

I don't think even the whirlygods who control the destinies of clubs in this, the best of all football competitions, can conjure me another non-league side in this FA Cup this season, unless they can help Winsor and Eton to beat Manchester United.

The trail began when I watched Chalfont St Peter fall at Uxbridge in the first qualifying round took me to Harrow Borough, who set their ambitions in the Isthmian League aside on Saturday to have a crack at Newport County of the third division in the second round proper. And when you round proper, a man called Clevere Ford in the team, surely anything is possible.

Newport had travelled from Wales to seek out Harrow's pocket handkerchief ground, which they discovered secreted behind frosty lawns and semi-detached houses all shut up to keep the warmth in. Newport had needed a replay to get past the Southern Leaguers of Poole Town, and have been heaving huge sighs of relief as they sacked their half-time lemons two goals to the good.

Harrow seemed to be just another of the season's annual sacrifices on the altar of Giant Y Jackiller, but after the break they unfurled the non-League banner and gave it a real crack, begging a goal and looking well worth another. They had the best of things in the second half, as the Newport manager, Colin

Addison, generously admitted. Harrow may have lost 3-1 in the end, but they can walk tall in the streets around Earl's Mead. They showed they can live with the big boys.

But do they want to? Those non-League men with camel coats, cigars and ambitions, would have realized that there are joy in obscurity and pleasures in smallness had they been supping a quiet pint with me in the Harrow bar before the game.

Harrow had never reached beyond the fourth qualifying round of the Cup before, and now they had a visit from the Chelsea Canaille who like to wreck a little club's big occasion. A riot of hurling, pint glasses and flying metal whistles with innocent supporters covering beneath tables and one journalist showing undreamed of sprightly ability, was followed by nine arrests.

At least that got the trouble over good and early. By 10 minutes to three, with 2,000 people squeezed into the collection of potting sheds that constitute Harrow's spectator facilities, and the Hallelujah Chorus blasting tinnily from the speakers, it was permissible to think that the day would be one for rejoicing after all: as the match programme declared prayerfully: "Everyone here will help to maintain the non-League tradition of friendly

rivalry, magnanimity in victory and courtesy in defeat."

Perhaps Harrow were overly courteous: "We certainly treated them with too much respect at first," said their manager, Mike Tomkys. Goals from Aldridge and the wing-heeled Chamberlain put Newport two up and Harrow looked dead and gone. I don't know if Tomkys said the Hallelujah Chorus to the lads at half-time, but something inspired them. They roared back. Pearce scored one, a second was on the cards, and it was a bad time to be a Welsh footballer.

Then Aldridge, the spoil sport, broke clear and finished emphatically, and that was that. Time for a shower and a listen to the drill. Newport visit Plymouth Argyle, and their dreams of a glamorous Saturday afternoon must remain in the freezer. "No disrespect to Plymouth," said Addison. "They'd sooner play Manchester United as well."

Well, perhaps the winners will get United in the fourth round... though perhaps it will be Windsor and Eton after all. That would be fun, and Hallelujah, there is still plenty of fun to be found in non-League football. Harrow take on Hayes in the Isthmian League tonight, and they won't have 2,000 supporters here... but at least there'll be no one from Chelsea.

Simon Barnes

# Robinson out of fuel as Harvey drives on

By Rex Bellamy

Sunday's stars lost a little of their lustre when Ian Robinson and Lucy Soutter were dismissed from the British national championships sponsored by Just Juice, at Abbeydale Park, Sheffield, yesterday. Chris Wilton, who spoke in his distaste for the nature of the ball he was hitting, was threatened with disqualification should he utter another obscenity.

Robinson took five games and 77 minutes to beat the seeded Ashley Naylor on Sunday and did not have enough petrol left in the tank to stay with Neil Harvey yesterday. Robinson, "the mighty mouse", has always depended largely on his agility and physical resilience. But he had only one good game in him. After that Harvey increased the pace and mixed the long and short games with such merciless precision that for Robinson, who was the best of the best, it was a case of "out of fuel". Harvey won 2-0, 9-3, 9-1, 9-3.

Philip Denoya, champion in 1981 and runner-up last year, beat Wilton 7-0, 9-4, 9-0. The first game lasted 36 minutes, the last 90 seconds. Wilton has almost 12 years to shift above the court and Kenyon made him shift it too far, too quickly, too often.

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Ruth Strauss, who won 9-4, 9-4, 9-6, taking the last game from 1-6 down, had too many winning shots at both ends of the court - for Miss Soutter, who was better at playing rallies than finishing them.

The top seed, Lisa Opie, won the third game from 1-8 down, saving two game balls, in beating Heather Wallace 9-4, 9-3, 10-9. Miss Opie was born on an island off the coast of France and Miss Wallace is a Zambian-born Scot. In view of its exclusively British context, the match had peculiar geographic significance.

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# Team mates as rivals

By William Stephens

The invitation singles championships, sponsored by Celsion Loudspeakers, reaches the semi-final round at Queen's Club tonight when William Boone, the holder, meets the professional champion, Norwood Cripps, of Eton, and Randall Crowley, who won Boone's holder of the open and amateur doubles titles, plays the 19 year old double handed James Male, 1980 and 1981 HK Foster Cup winner while the Keadley. The final will be played tomorrow evening at Queen's.

These four emerged from the round-robin matches played at various schools at the weekend in order to take top class competitive rackets into courts outside London. John Prens, the world champion, withdrew from the competition owing to the lack injury which forced him to postpone William Boone's challenge for the world championship. Prens believes his back shows signs of improvement.

Prens's place was taken by Crowley who beat Cripps 3-0 at Eton, then beat the Marlborough professional Robert Welsby 5-1 at Harrow and finally Mark Nicholls 3-2 at Marlborough, thereby leading his group with 15 points.

# ICI to sponsor Olympic team

By John Nicholls

The British Olympic Yachting Appeal (BOYA) has been given a much-needed boost by the announcement that ICI Fibers is to sponsor the British Olympic yachting team. The sponsorship will amount to £50,000 of which £20,000 is a cash contribution. Ron Howard, chairman of BOYA, emphasized that although the appeal had been well supported, a further £25,000 was required to reach the budget estimated for 1984.

The final Olympic sailing squad has now been nominated and membership entitles the sailors to travel grants and logistic support. A team of 470 sailors will soon be leaving for the class world championship in New Zealand in January and they will be followed at the end of this month by a Tornado team to their world championship in Australia.

ICI's involvement with yachting started with a technical interest in developing synthetic sail cloth. As a result of practical tests by squad members, better sail cloth has already been developed and the programme will continue during the coming months.

# BOXING



Jones: February chance

# Leonard in \$1m Jones offer

Within hours of hearing that Sugar Ray Leonard, the former world welterweight champion, was coming out of retirement, the London promoter, Frank Warren, called him an offer of \$1m dollars to meet Welshman Colin Jones in this country next February.

The money might tempt the 27-year-old Leonard, but when he was asked to consider the offer, he was told that his comeback, the talk of the boxing world, was being held back by Marvin Hagler, Roberto Duran, Thomas Hearns, Mike McCrory and Donald Curry. Jones, from Gorseon, drew with Kenney for the WBC title in Basingstoke last March but in August was beaten in the re-match.

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Christie emerges from the shadows to make his mark in the New Year

# Britain has 'world champion' living in the Kronk world

World titles at welterweight, light-middle and middle make it harder to come by now than Sugar Ray Leonard has thrown his hat in the ring, but British boxing could get a lift in the new year when Errol Christie comes out of the shadows of the established British middleweights to challenge Mark Kaylor, the British champion, in April. "I cannot see the board putting anyone before Errol", Christie's manager, Burt McCarthy says. That contest will tell us whether Christie is as exciting a world prospect as everyone believes him to be.

Upstairs at the Thomas A'Becket, down the Old Kent Road, the regulars will tell you in between sucking in skeins of cigarette smoke and jabbing out stubs on top tips that Christie is the best thing since Woodbines. They have watched the Becket alumni come and go and the greatest compliment they pay a British boxer is to call him a "throwback" to the good old days.

They say that Christie is every bit as good as another boxer who came from the Coventry area, Randy Turpin, but he is even more than a throwback. A bit like Floyd Patterson perhaps, not peck-a-bo, but moves like him.

Emanuel Steward, the director of Christie's other home, the Kronk, the fighting machine factory in Detroit, says "Christie is the best natural talent I have ever seen. When you British keep telling me how good he was I didn't believe you, but when he came to Detroit I put him in with Mike McCallum and I could see how good he really was."

"I don't give praise easily but I believe he will be the world middleweight champion in 24 months. I always look forward to his visits. Thomas Hearn and Milton McCrory think he is great." Christie is at the moment in Detroit helping Hearn and McCrory prepare for their world title defenses.

Though Christie is British based, McCarthy says that his boxer will be spending every six weeks between bouts in the suburban complex of the Kronk, learning the tricks of the trade in a hard school. "They don't pull punches in training over there," McCarthy says. In return Steward will promote the young Mikanler in the United States. Christie could well find himself playing an important role in Kronk affairs as Leonard starts reclaiming his titles, starting with McCrory.



Mean and magnificent: Christie pounds out a warning at the Becket Photograph: Chris Cole

There is no doubt that Christie, who holds a record 11 titles, is better than anybody in Britain in class and ability. There only remains the old question about his chin. He has won all but one of his nine professional bouts inside the distance and if any more chin testing remains to be done McCallum and Dave Braxton will do it for him in Detroit.

The title he values most is the European junior he won in Schwerin, East Germany, be-

cause that was where he took it on the jaw from a Russian and came fighting back. The Russian was the best light-middleweight prospect in 10 years, and had scored 74 knockouts in 104 bouts. He straightaway caught Christie with a left hook and followed up with the right. McCarthy says "I thought it was all over" but Errol came right back.

Christie went on to win the title and the award for the best boxer of the championships.

"Never mind, at least we will get a medal." The 19-year-old Christie, who has been here to lose, said, and went body-popping down to the ring.

## Srikumar Sen

Las Vegas (Reuter) - Juan Laporte, the Boxing Council featherweight champion, will defend his title against Wilfredo Gomez, the No 1 contender, in January or February. Murat Muhammad, the promoter, said.

## ICE HOCKEY

# Coach drinks to Ayr Bruins' success

By Robert Pryce

Paul Bedford was four dozen cans of larger last week, the prize for being voted the coach of the month for November. His team, the Ayr Bruins, had led the league for one day on November 20 after winning only three games out of 26 last season.

Obviously the award has not gone to his head. Ayr are now back at the top of the British League premier division, sponsored by Heineken, after winning 5-2 at Kirkcaldy and 6-1 at home to Strathgairn at the weekend.

"It is really quite a different team," John Ross, the Strathgairn coach observed. "It looks like the team of the future is much better and their discipline has improved." Last season their player-coach, Dan Hurst, was often required to lead the team from the confines of the penalty box.

Bedford arrived this season with two other Canadians, Derek Watt, a defenceman and Kevin Murphy, a

right wing, former colleagues of his at Concordia University in Montreal. Three Great Britain internationals, Gibson, Brennan and McBride, returned to the team. Bedford moved two junior international defencemen, Kidd and Alastair Reid, on to the wings. After some encouraging results in the Autumn Cup, they began their league programme with four successive wins. As a result, attendances at home games have doubled - to around 500 - threatening the standing-room only capacity at their compact rink.

Kidd scored three goals from the wing at Kirkcaldy. Reid, in particular, was praised by Ross after Sunday's game. In the absence of Watt, who damaged a knee at Kirkcaldy, Bedford set a new league record for length of shift, he played the whole game on Saturday.

Strathgairn's 1,200 mile round trip proved relentlessly unrewarding. They played poorly in losing 10-3 in Dundee on Saturday, lost both their

leading scorers, Stefan (gastro-enteritis) and Merkowsky (who required seven stitches in his face after being hit by a puck at Ayr), and fell from first to fourth place. Dundee lost the league leadership, without the injured Halpin, they went down 7-3 in Murrayfield, who were without the injured Sobkowich and Lawrie Lovell.

At the bottom of the premier division, Jim Barrie produced another heroic effort in a losing cause, scoring eight of Cleveland's goals in an 11-12 defeat at home to Whitley. Stephen Smith scored the winning goal 59 seconds from time, directly after Cleveland had hit a post.

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# Legal Appointments

## Corporate Lawyer

Schroder Assurance and Investment Holdings Limited is the holding company of a group engaged in Life Assurance, Pensions, Personal Trusteeship, Unit Trusts and Financial Planning. Due to the rapid expansion of the Group's activities we wish to appoint a Corporate Lawyer to join the Group Secretarial Division.

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## LITIGATION SOLICITOR

Baker & McKenzie in London seek a solicitor with about two years' experience since admission of commercial litigation and/or arbitration. Applicants with a working knowledge of and a willingness to specialise in disputes involving the carriage of goods by sea will be preferred. The position offers a competitive salary, opportunities for foreign travel and good prospects in a growing area in the firm's practice.

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London EC4R 2SJ

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For application form and details of the post, please contact the Clerk of the Magistrates' Courts Committee, Room 49, County Hall, TRURO, Cornwall, TR1 3AY.

## DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

LEGAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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This post carries a Day Release Allowance and Council accommodation is available in approved houses. A Discretionary Allowance Scheme also operates.

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Applicants should be competent court clerks and able administrators with energy, enthusiasm and drive.

The salary will be within 5 points, determined by the committee, and will depend on qualifications and experience. Points 5-12 will be reserved for professionally qualified applicants (i.e. Barristers and Solicitors). Local conditions of service will apply and assistance with removal expenses will be given in appropriate cases. Travel and subsistence allowances are payable as appropriate.

APPLICATION FORMS, obtainable from the undersigned, should be completed and returned by Friday 23rd December 1983. Interviews will be held on Friday 13th January 1984.

G. K. BURGESS, L.L.B.  
Clerk of the Magistrates  
Courts Committee  
Room 49, County Hall,  
Truro, Cornwall TR1 3AY

## Computer Appointments

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For application form and details of the post, please contact the Personnel Section, 100 Broad Street, London EC2M 6JL.

Closing date: 10 January 1984

SECRETARIES FOR ARCHITECTS AND DESIGNERS. We are seeking experienced secretaries for architects and designers. The successful candidate will be responsible for answering the telephone, taking messages and dealing with the public. The position offers a competitive salary and excellent prospects for career development.

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Closing date: 10 January 1984

DOMESTIC AND CATERING SITUATIONS. We are seeking experienced domestic and catering staff for various positions. The successful candidate will be responsible for cleaning, cooking and serving. The position offers a competitive salary and excellent prospects for career development.

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Closing date: 10 January 1984

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WORLD'S LARGEST AU PAIR BUREAU. We are seeking experienced au pairs for various positions. The successful candidate will be responsible for cleaning, cooking and serving. The position offers a competitive salary and excellent prospects for career development.

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INSPECTORS. We are seeking experienced inspectors for various positions. The successful candidate will be responsible for cleaning, cooking and serving. The position offers a competitive salary and excellent prospects for career development.

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## General Appointments

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11.20 Parikisi/Fleming Roberts trio (T)  
Piano Trios by Mozart B, the Trio  
in E-flat; and the Brahms in the  
Trio in C minor. Op 101.1

12.15 Midday Concert (T) BBC Scottish  
S.O. Part 1: Rimsky-Korsakov,  
Rachmaninov, The Finnish  
Kansankuoro is the solo. The Snow  
Maiden, and the Rachmaninov is  
the Piano Concerto No 4 in G  
minor, with Leslie Howard as  
soloist.

1.00 News.

1.05 Midday Concert (a) Part 2:  
Vaughan Williams  
The Symphony No 5 in D.

1.50 Christmas Carols with Helen  
Katsamantaki (T) Music for 2  
guitars: Souter, Albemarle,  
Granados.

2.15 The Night of St Bonaventura

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## Radio 4

7.00 *Music from Renaissance Italy* (7)  
de Rora, Bassano, Della Cesa,  
Marenzio, anon.

7.00 *Routine Punctuated for Orgies.*  
*Renaissance* (7)  
The thinking of the Think Tank  
between 1971 and 83.

7.45 *Music of Eighteenth Century*  
(1)  
Recorded concert Part 1: Weill,  
Wolfgang Rihm. With Sarah  
Walker (soprano), Neil Jenkins  
(tenor) and David Wilson-  
Johnson (bass-baritone) and  
Terry Edwards (bass). The Weill  
work is the Berliner Requiem  
and the Rihm is the first  
performance of Silence to the

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8.30 Heyday's (f) by Chris Miller. In the last visit to Heyday's, the wine bar is invaded by feminists.

8.50 Concert (f) Part 2: Henze. Voices (Nos 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 12, 14, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22).

9.50 Messiah at 75. (f) Music on records.

0.30 Orlando Gibbons (f) Reconstructed Versus Anthems

1.00 The complete Webern (f) Orchestral music and a cantata.

1.15 News.

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**CHANNEL** As London except: Starts 12.00-12.10pm  
Portland Bill, 12.30-1.00 It's a Vet's Life.  
2.20-3.30 News. 3.30-4.00 Happy Days.  
4.15-5.45 Flying Ktari. 5.00 Channel  
Report. 5.30 Land of the Dragon. 7.00-  
8.30 Last Resort. 11.00 Film: Desperate  
Characters. 12.35am Closesown.

**ITV** As London except: 10.25 am  
Travel Log. 11.15 Poetry of  
Landscape. 11.30-11.35 Country. 12.30  
pm-1.00 Survival. 1.20-1.30 News. 3.30-  
4.00 Young Doctors. 5.15-5.45 Beverly

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**WELSH WALES** As HTV West except:  
6.00 pm-6.35 Wales  
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**WILSTER** As London except:  
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9.25 Professor Katzel 10.40 Sport Bitty  
1.05-1.11.35 Friends of My Friends  
1.30-1.35 Lunchtime 2.30-4.00 Laurel  
and Hardy 5.15-5.45 At Ease 6.00 Good  
evening, Ulster 6.35 Crossroads 7.00-  
7.20 Emmerdale Farm 11.00 All Kinds of

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**WILTSHIRE** As London except:  
10.25am Greatest  
Escape. 11.15-11.35 That Girl. 12.30pm-  
1.00 One of the Boys. 1.20 News. 1.30-  
2.00 Calendar at Your Service. 5.15-45  
Survival. 6.00 Crossroads. 7.00-7.30  
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